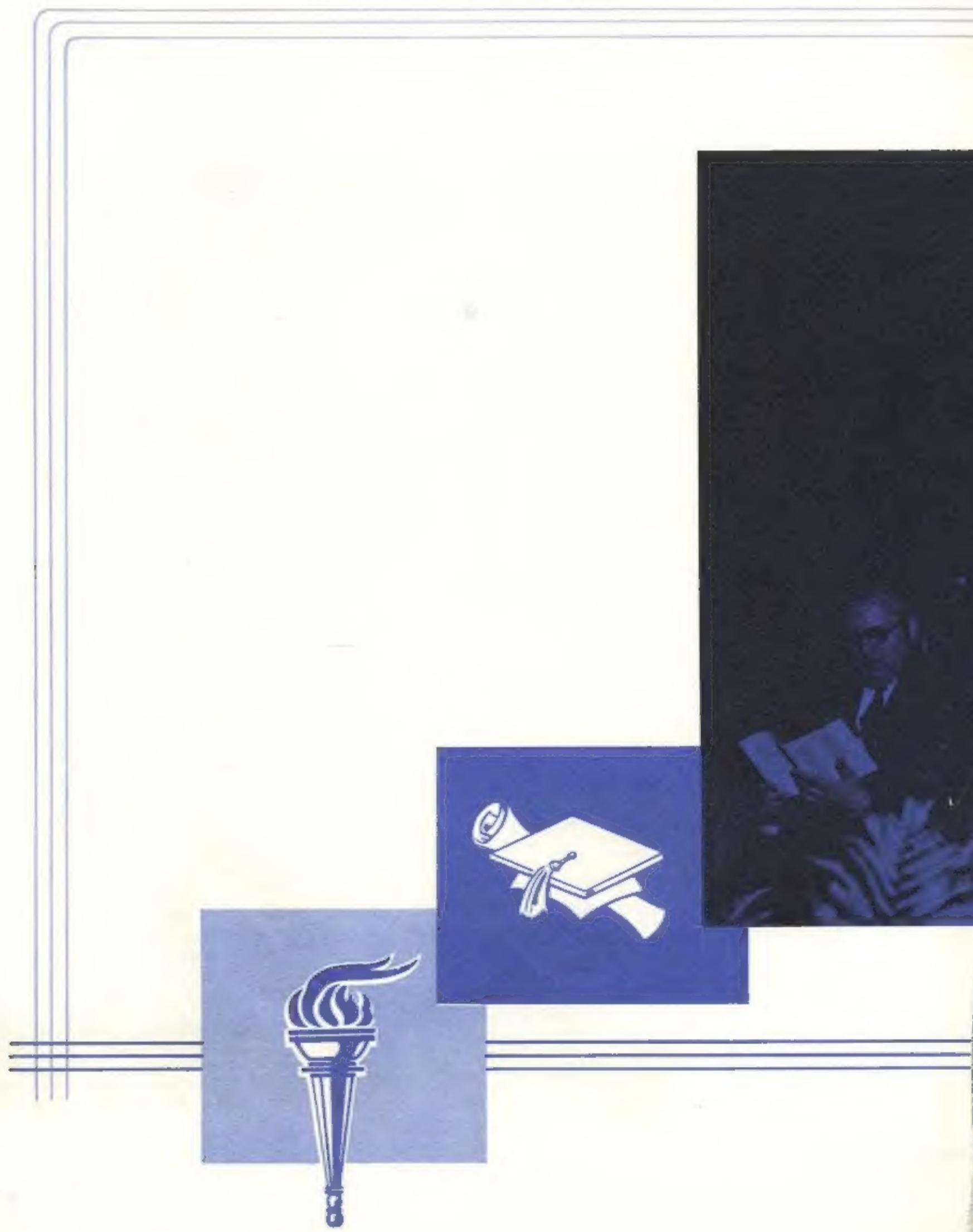


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*Mt. Pleasant High School,
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan*

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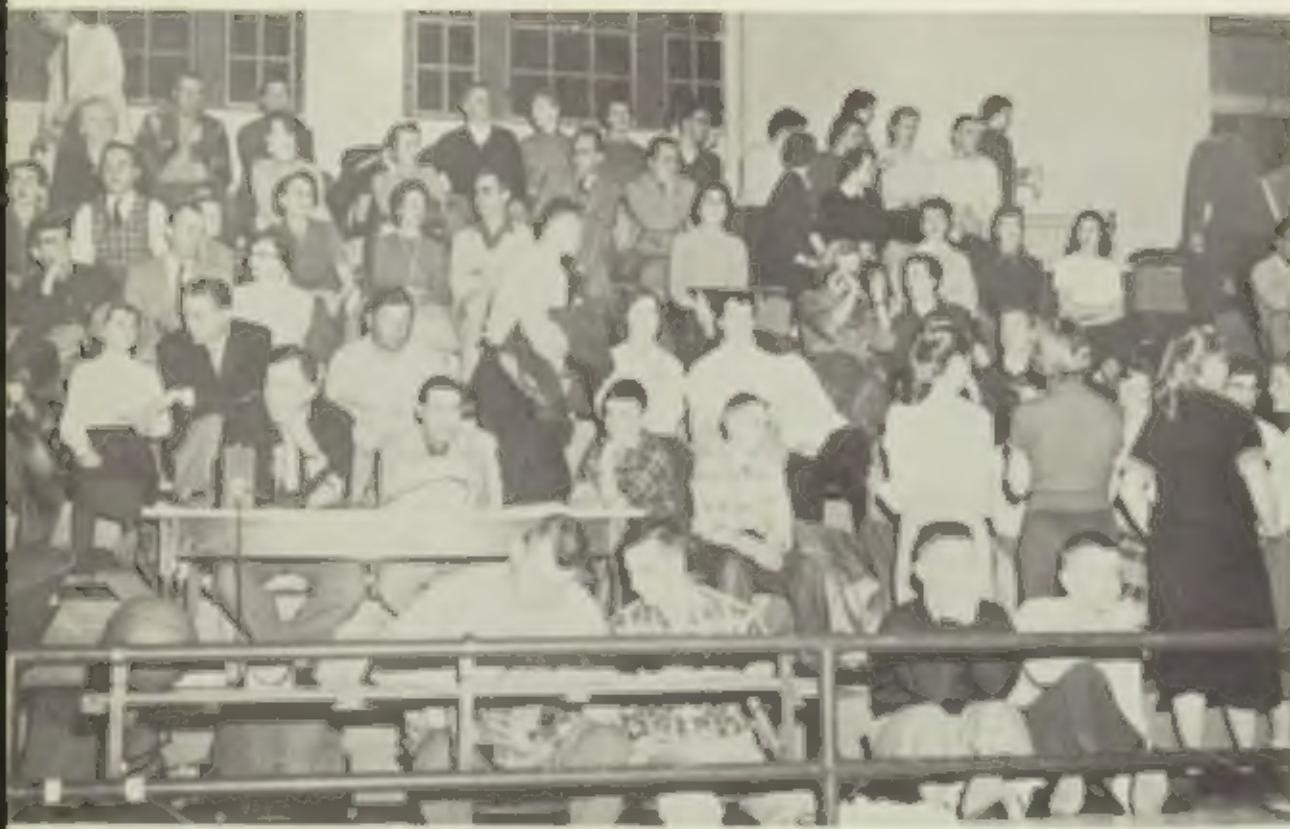
These initials were for thirty years the familiar trademark of our beloved late principal, Mr. Louis Charles Wendt. This trademark was feared by some, anticipated by others, and respected by all.

Mr. Wendt was a very rabid fan of all Oiler teams, giving preference to baseball, the favorite of his own school days. When not boosting the Oilers or working at school, he could most likely be found exercising his green thumb in his back yard. He loved to watch things grow, whether plants or humans.

Jud, as he was known to the students, was very active in the city. He was a member of Kiwanis and was honored last year for perfect attendance over an eighteen year stretch. It is with great appreciation of things received of Mr. Wendt, that we dedicate the 1955 Demick to him.



School



The magic of the camera records people, places, and events familiar to us all . . . study hall, Rhythm Ramblers, Bunny Hop, mixers, and clean-up.





Through the years we go to games, get dressed up, and satisfy our appetites, but this year there were some new twists. The Board of Education footed the bill for our bus trips to away basketball games; the Bermuda shorts craze among boys and girls raised eyebrows and cuffs; homemade punch, cake, and cookies were served at parties.



Foreword

The '55 Derrick . . . based upon the many memories of the school year . . . put together for the purpose of bringing back those memories in later years.

Your first day in school . . . just a scared kid out of seventh grade. The time you got called into the principal's office for throwing snowballs. The six notes you got from that cute blonde that lockers across the hall. The hilarious shouts of victory . . . the bitter gloom of defeat at the athletic arenas. The time you almost blew the north wall off the chemistry lab. The test that felt like an F when you were writing it. The small brown peanut you had to push the length of the lower hall with your nose to get into that club with all the wheels . . . and how surprised you were when you found out it was worth it. Your first Y-Teen Prom. Your last Senior Prom. Graduation.

When the events of your high school days grow dim and appear to drop out of focus, the MPHS yearbook staff hopes you can refresh your memory by leafing through the pages of the 1955 Derrick and there find the friends who shared . . . and helped make the start of a memory.



To the Seniors



BONNIE PHILLIPS
President



PAT ARCHEY
Vice President



NANCY MUMFORD
Secretary



BETTE GILL
Treasurer



High School Is A Memory

Proms, Sales, Projects . . . Things of Which

Where do you find the prettiest girls on the arms of the best-dressed young men? Why, the annual Senior Prom, of course. Mt. Pleasant is no exception when our young couples arrive at Keeler Union ballroom for the last big formal.



Memories Are Made

There is nothing quite like being a high school senior. In years to come you will look back on all your hard work and think of all the fun you had doing it.

This year the seniors earned money for their trip by sponsoring a chili dinner and selling Christmas trees at the Pixie lot. They huddled about heaters between sales, netted \$650.



On the annual Government Day, kids swarmed through "Mayor" Jerry Child's office in their roles as commissioners, firemen, police, and reporters.





JUDY LOUISE ANDREWS
"Her head is like the moon -
there's a man in it."
Dramatics Club 1,2; Modern
Dance 1; Y-Teens 2,3,4; Student
4.



SHIRLEY MARIE ASHWORTH
"A live wire never gets stepped
on."
Student Council 1, Dramatics
Club 1, Y-Teens 2,3,4 (Girls'
Basketball 1,4, Derrick Co-
Editor 4, Student Asst. Editor 4.



MONNA JOYCE BASS
"There is more in me than you
know."
(Transfer from Redford High
School, Detroit, Michigan.)
Choir 4; Dramatics Club 2;
Future Nurses 2.



PATRICIA J. ARCHEY
"One of the reasons why Gentlemen Prefer Blondes."
Student Council 3,4, Social
Committee Chairman, Vice
President 3; Choir 2,3,4; Modern
Dance 1,2; G.A.A. 2; Y-
Teens 2,3,4, Treasures 3;
Intramural 1,2,3,4; Baseball
Queen 3; Homecoming Queen 4.



SHIRLEY ANN ARMSTRONG
"She looks safe, but so does
gunpowder."
Library 1; Y-Teens 1.



HARLEY L. AYRES
"If you don't know him, get
acquainted."
Student Council 2, F.F.A. 2,3,
4, Varsity Club 3,4; Football
1,2,3,4, Intramural 1,2,3,4;
Baseball 4.

We'll Remember That First Day



RICHARD E. BEAN
"Look out, world! Here I come."
Camera Club 1.



SHARRON BOURLAND
"Late hours aren't good for
one, but they're all right for
two."
G.A.A. 1; Y-Teens 2,3,4, Sec-
retary 4.



PHILLIP
L. BRASENSTON
"Only weeds grow tall."
Band 3,4.



ROBERT ELI BUGBEE
"Never do today what you can
put off until tomorrow."
Football 3; Golf 1,2,3,4; Var-
sity Club 2,3,4.



ED BULLARD
"He who says little has little
to answer for."
F.F.A. 2,3,4; Football 1.



JAMES L. RICH
"I only hope I don't have to
walk to success."
I.F.A. 2,3,4.

Looking Toward A Bright Future



WILLIAM BURNS
"A quiet man, but quite a man."
Co-op 4; Varsity Club 4; Foot-
ball 1; Basketball Mgr. 1;
Tennis 3,4.



DURWARD R. CARRIER
(Transfer from Weidman Rural
School)
"To be a gentleman, farm, and
raise my hat."
F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Freshman
Class Treasurer.



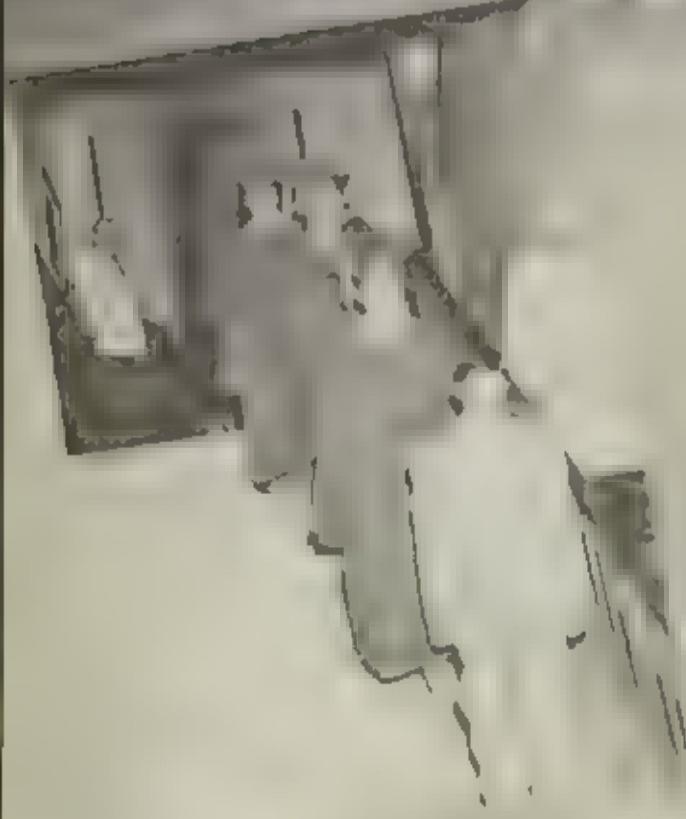
GERALD D. CHILDS
"If there isn't a circus, start
one yourself."
Football Mgt. 1; Basketball
Mgt. 3; Baseball Mgt. 3.



DAVID COHOON
"Don't study until you're
called on to recite."

June 9th Graduation

AT RIGHT Rev. Cutler, Mr. Clegg, Rev. Mr. Max,
and Supt. LeCronier, beforehand.



Senior Cruise to Chicago Has Its Ups 'n Downs



afternoon, in which they could do whatever they wanted. Several went shopping or to shows. After dinner back at the hotel there was another tour which went through Chinatown. There, many people bought hats and souvenirs to take home.

That night it was much calmer, so as the lake was concerned and they finally got to have their boat party.

The next morning the boat docked in town and there the students waited for the buses that would take them home to Mt. Pleasant.

Seasickness was the predominant factor of this year's senior trip. The first night of the trip, spent on a boat on Lake Michigan between Holland, Michigan and Chicago, Illinois was one of the roughest the captain and his crew had seen for a long time. There was to be a boat party that night, but so few were able to attend that it had to be postponed. Breakfast the next morning found many of the passengers unable to eat.

There were sight-seeing tours the next day which took in the Museum of Science and Industry, one of the most interesting sights of the day. Lunch was at the Congress Hotel. Then there was a free





ROBERT LEE CRANE
"The Man With the Horn".
Band 1,2,3,4; President 3,4.
Dance Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Band
1,2,3,4; Chit 4; Hi-Y 4; Cross
Country 4; Intramural 3.



RONNY DALY
"Girls are a nuisance, but I
wouldn't mind having one."



ELLEN LUCILLE DAVID
"June meant the middle aisle
in more ways than one."
Co-op 4; F.H.A. 1; Future
Nurses 1,2; Vice President 2.



JUDITH ANN COX
"Happy, Clever, full of fun —
she has a smile for everyone."
Student Council 1; Sophomore
Class Secretary; Dramatics
Club 1,2,3,4; Vice President 4.
Thespians 3,4; Co-op 4; Vice
President 4; Ushers Club 2,3,
4; Y-Teens 2,3,4; Intramural 2,
3,4; Vocational Secretary 4.



JAMES CRUZ
"He didn't learn anything from
books." Student Council 1; Choir 1,2,3,
Projector Club 1,2; Machine
Shop 2,3,4.



MARILYN JO BARGELL
"I can be serious, but I'd
rather be gay." Student Council 3,4; Public
Relations Chairman; Y-Teens
2,3,4; G.A.A. 1; Intramural 3,
4; Derrick 4; Stude 4; Office
Secretary 4.



PAUL EUGENE DEAN
(Transfer from Midland High
School)
"He knows a lot, but to know
all is his goal."
Intramural 1,2; Stude 3.



JOANN DETWILER
"Her hair brings out her high-
lights." Class Treasurer 2; Band 1,2,3,
4; Secretary 3; Treasurer 4; Pep Band
1,2,3,4; Dance Band 1,2,3,4; G.A.A. 1; Ushers
Club 2,3,4; Secretary 4; Y-
Teens 2,3,4; Intramural 2,3,4.



GAY EVALYNN EDMUNDS
"She puts her best efforts into everything she does."
Secretary 3; Band 2, 3, 4; Dance
Band 3; Camera Club 1; Co-op
band 3; Cameramen Club 4; Y-Teens 4;
4; Ushers Club 4; Y-Teens 4;
Office Secretary 4.



LOREN ELDRED
"Only three great men are living — I'm one and I forgot the other two."
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Dance Band 1, 2;
Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 2, 4;
Secretary 4; Projector 1, 2;
President 2; Varsity Club 2, 3,
4; Cross Country 2, 3, 4; Basket-
ball 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4.



RONALD W. ELLIOTT
"The most fun I ever had in school is when I'm not there."
Co-op 3, 4; Football 1.



CONSTANCE ERLER
"Laughing eyes and flashing smile, charming ways and lots of style."
Student Council 1, 4; Treas. 4;
Class Treas. 1; Choir 2, 3, 4;
Dramatics 2, 3, 4; Sec. 3; Modern
Dance 1, 2; Pep Squad 3, 4; Y-
Teens 2, 3, 4; Intramural 1, 2, 3;
4; Office Sec. 4.

When the Exams Were A-comin'



WILLIAM R. FINCH
"With malice toward none — just fun."
Student Coun. 2, 3, 4; Student
Court Judge 4; Class V. Pres.
3; Choir 1, 2, 3; Treas. 3; Hi-Y
V. Pres. 4; Varsity Club 3, 4;
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1,
2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4.



CAROL ANN FISHER
"I'll do something sensational yet."
Co-op 4; Library 3; Y-Teens
3, 4.



WILLIAM E. FITZGERALD
"His only magic was being Fitz."
Choir 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 2, 3, 4;
Thespians 3, 4; Debate 4;
Camera Club 4; Vice President
4; Library 1; Citizenship Es-
say 2nd, 3, 1; Speak for Democ-
racy 2nd 3; 1st 4.



NANCY JEAN FLEMING
"Be the job large or small, she does it well or not at all."
Student Council 3, 4; Asst. Sec.
3, Sec. 4; Class Treas. 1; Choir
2, 3, 4; Modern Dance 1, 2; Y-
Teens 2, 3, 4; Intramural 1, 2, 3, 4;
Stude 3.

Baccalaureate



One hundred forty one seniors attended the first stage of their graduation, Baccalaureate, June 5, in the high school auditorium. Following the opening prayer, the choir sang "Incline Thine Ear" and "Oh My God, Our Help in Ages Past." A fine sermon was then given by Rev. G. Edgar Schade of the West Side Tabernacle Church.



Rehearsals, Greasepaint and—"My Three Angels"



When the curtain opened on the senior play, April 4, the audience stepped into a living room back of a general store in Cayenne, French Guiana. There they laughed at the antics of three convicts (above) who kept shop, cooked, "balanced" the books, paired up lovers, and even disposed of a villain. Directed by Miss Gwen Loveday, "My Three Angels" is shown in rehearsal at right.



And here's the cast after taking their curtain calls. Standing: Gary Mullet, Loren Eldred, and Dave Randolph as the three convicts, Sylvia Wendrow as Mme. Parole, and Bill Fitzgerald as Henri Trochard. Seated: Sandra Howard as Emilie Ducotel, Paul Dean as Felix Ducotel, and Connie Erler as their daughter, Marie Louise. Butch Thorpe played Paul, and Milton Marks was the Navy lieutenant.



EDWARD P. FOLEY
 "In athletics he's really neat
 and for a friend he can't be
 beat."
 Student Council 1; Choir 4;
 Hi-Y 4; Varsity Club 2, 3, 4;
 Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3;
 Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Tennis
 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4.



WARREN L. FOLTZ
 "It's not what you do, it's
 what you get away with that
 counts."
 Varsity Club 2, 3, 4; Football
 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4;
 Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Derrick 4;
 Stude 4.



ROGER LEWIS FRAYRE
 "Why let the devil have all
 the fun..."
 Student Council 1; Choir 3, 4;
 Varsity 2, 3, 4; Football 4;
 Basketball 2, 3, 4; Track 3, 4;
 Baseball 3, 4; Tennis 4; CM
 1954; Baseball Player of the Year.



SUE ANN M. FORD
 "Her smiles many and each
 so pleasing."
 Student Council 1; G.A.A. 1;
 Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Intramural 2, 3.



JIMMIE WAYNE GATTEN
 "He's backward about coming
 forward."
 Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Librarian 3, 4;
 Hi-Y 4; Intramural 3, 4; Dance
 Band 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4.



BETTY EMOGENE GIBSON
 "You couldn't call her bashful."



DONALD P. GILL
 "It seems to me he's always
 glad — in truth, why should
 a senior be sad?"
 Student Council 2; Football
 1, 2; Baseball 2, 4.



BETTE JEAN GILL
 (Transfer from Sacred Heart)
 "She is willing to be con-
 vinced, but where is the
 one who can do it?"
 Student Council 1; Class
 Treas. 4; Dramatics Club 2,
 3; Thespians 3; Y-Teens 2,
 3, 4; Stude 3; Office Sec. 3.



NANCY LOU GOLDBECKER
"Life is no longer if I hurry,
no better if I worry."



GAIL KAY GOODWIN
"Either I will find a way or
make one."
Student Council 3; Band 1,2,
3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; De-
bate 3; Ushers 2,3,4, Pres-
ident 4; Co-op 4, Secretary 4;
Y-Teens 2,3,4; Intramural 2,
3,4.



JANET MAE GRACE
"She looks like an angel and
acts like one too, but you
never can tell what an angel
will do."
Choir 1,2,3, Y-Teens 1,2,
Intramural 1,2, Co-op 3.



FAYE ELLEN GRAF
"A girl worth knowing."
Dramatics Club 2,3,4, Thes.
Plans 3,4, President 4, Co-op
4, Y-Teens 2,3,4, Student 3.



RICHARD J. GRACE
"I know a lot but I can't
think of it."



ROY F. GRAHAM
"To climb steep hills requires
slow pace at first."
Co-op 4.



JERRY LYNN GRAHAM
"He came, he saw, and he's
still looking around."
Co-op 1; Projectors Club 1;
Varsity Club 1,2,3; Cross
Country 1,2,3; Track 1,2,3,4.



HELEN ROSEANNE GREER
"A careful student - careful
not to do too much."
Dramatics Club 1; Modern
Dance 1; F.H.A. 1, President
1; Library 2.



EDDY L. GRUBB
"I never let studies interfere with my education."
Student Council 1; Co-op 4,
President 4; Cross Country
1,2; Intramural 2.



ROBERT G. HAGGART
"In his classes he's a bashful sort, but out with the fellows a tight good sport."
F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Vice President 4.



NANCY JO HAIGHT
"She is vol., govenatured,
and true - her share she is
willing to do."
Band 1,2,3,4; Dance Band 1,
2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Y-
Teens 2,4; Homecoming
Queen Attendant 1.



JANET MARIE HALL
"A friend of everyone, enemy
to none."
Y-Teens 2,3,4.

Remember Many Exciting Games



CHARLENE G. HIBBITTS
"Sometimes quiet, sometimes
shy, but the rest of the time
- oh, my!"
Library 2.



MARILYN JUDITH HARLESS
"She was made for happy
thoughts."
Co-op 4; F.H.A. 1; Y-Teens 2.



JOHN A. HANSON
(Transfer from Houghton High
School, Houghton, Michigan)
"Life on the stage didn't
harm me - now I'm playing
my part in the Army."
Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 2,3;
Dramatics Club 2,3,4; Thes-
pians 3,4; Debate 3,4.



JUDITH ANDREA HALL
"Here is a prize in charm
and knowledge."
Student Council 3, Concess-
ions Chairman; Dramatics
Club 2,4; Thespians 4; Ushers
2,3,4; Vice President 3; Y-
Teens 2,3,4; President 4;
Office Secretary 4.



ANNA L. HILL
 "When she was good, she was
 very, very good; but when
 she was bad . . ."
 Y-Teens 2,3,4.



SHIRLEY ANN HUYN
 "Influence never yet betrayed
 anyone."



ORVAL HUTCHINSON
 "I'm all right as long as I'm
 not disturbed."
 F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Co-op 4.



SANDRA ELIZABETH HOWARD
 "An excellent student always
 ready for fun, never content
 till her work is done."
 Student Council 2,3,4, Pres-
 ident 4; Class President 3;
 Choir 3,4; Dramatics 1,2,3,4;
 Thespians 3,4; Y-Teens 2,3,
 4; Intramural 1,2,3,4; Salu-
 tatorian 4.

...the Crowded Mixers After



DAVID WILLIAM HUFF
 "I don't care who I marry as
 I am."
 Football 3; Baseball 2,3,4.



MICHAEL HUYN
 "It can live without teeth,
 music, or walking, but who
 in the world can live with
 out talking?"
 Band 1,2,3,4 Co-op 4, G.A.
 A. I.



PHIL A. JOHNSTON
 "He's neither a bookworm
 nor a social hound, but he's
 a good fellow to have
 around."
 Band 1,2,3; Varsity Club 3;
 Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball
 1,2,3,4; Track 2,3,4; Base-
 ball 1.



JOHN E. JOHNSTON
 "No task too tremendous, no
 duty too small."
 Class Vice President 1;
 Camera Club 1; Projector
 Club 1,2; Baseball 3,4.



CHARLES JAMES JONES
"I'm not as bashful as I look."



ROBERT K. KENDALL
(Transfer from Smithfield High School, Smithfield, W. Va.)
"Don't let his innocent looks deceive you."
Student Council 2,3; Class President 3; Band 4.



SHIRLEY A. KIRKEY
"Laughing, merrily, carefree, the ideal way to be."
Band 1,2,3,4; Dance Band 3,4; Pep Band 2,3,4; Debate 4; Y-Teens 2; Intramural 3,4; Office Secretary 4.



KATHRYN KAY LANDON
"A happy, joyful way she had."
Student Council 3; Co-op 4; Library 3; Y-Teens 3,4.

Remember Sodas After School?



LARRY L. LOUGH
"A little work, a little play to keep me going through the day."
Co-op 3,4; Football 2.



JOANN X. LYON
"Ready to split her sides with laughter."
Choir 1,2,3,4; Y-Teens 2,3,4.



DONALD O. LOVEJOY
"Where joy and duty clash, let duty go to smash."
Dramatics Club 4; Varsity Club 2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; Student 4.



DON JAMES MACHUTA
"Clever men are good, but they are not the best."
Choir 1; Co-op 4; F.F.A. 2,3; Basketball 2.



STAN MALISH
"It's not work that kills men,
it's women."
Machine Shop 3,4.



LESLIE McFADDEN
(Transfer from Saginaw High
School, Saginaw, Michigan —
Also attended Alma High
School, Alma, Michigan)
"You should have seen me
when I was a kid."
Student Council 1,2; Band 1,
2,3; Pep Band 1,2,3; Choir 4;
Boys' Chorus 2; Hi-Y 2,3,4;
Pep Squad 2,3; Projector
Club 1,2,3; Varsity Club 3;
Chapel Committee 3; Golf 2,
3; Derrick Adv. Mgr. 4; Stude
Adv. Mgr. 4.



MILTON MARKS
"Nothing is too difficult for
less than I rather be doing
something else."
Student Council 3; Monitor 3,
4; Camera Club 2,4; Football
4; Intramural 3,4; Track 4.



SHIRLEY JEAN MORRIS
"When she's around, we can't
be sad — she broke the
heart of many a lad."
Student Council 1; Library 3,4.



BETTE L. McALLISTER
"Quiet, thoughtful, and
staid." Office Secretary 3.
F.H.A. 2; Office Secretary 3.



MARKEITH ANN MOSES
"She does her part with a
willing hand."
Choir 2,3,4; F.H.A. 2; G.A.
A. 1; Library 3.



NANCY MOSS
"Essence of sweetness,
model of neatness."
Co-op 4; F.H.A. 2; G.A.A. 1;
Library 3.



ROBERT MOSS
"Silent, quiet, easy going —
one who's really worth your
knowing."
Golf 2,4.



NANCY MUMFORD
 "I might be good if I would, but it's awful lonesome being good." Class Secretary 4; Y-Tees Queen's Attendant 3; 2,3,4; Queen's Attendant 4; Student 4.



GARY M. MULLET
 (Transfer from Port Huron High School, Port Huron, Michigan)
 "A scholar and popular man, he always does the best he can." Student Council 3; Class President 1; Dramatics Club 4; Camera Club 1; Co-op 4, Projectors Club 1; Varsity Club 3; Tennis 2,3; Wolverine Boys State 3; Co-Valedictorian 4.



DAVID H. MYERS
 "A fighting rat with lots of steam." Varsity Club 3,4; Football 1, 2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4.



GUY E. NICKS
 "I don't mind studying, but I don't like to tell the teachers what I know." Student Council 2,3.



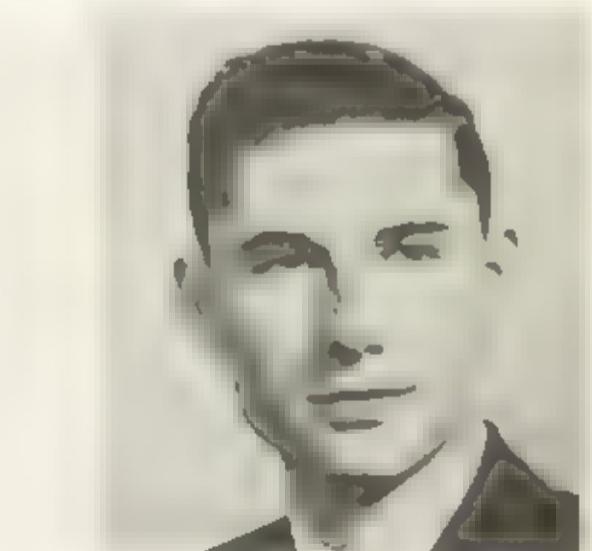
BOB NAGY
 "He stays up nights trying to find ways of getting more sleep." Student Council Alternate 2; F.F.A. 2.



DONALD R. OAKS
 "He is gentle, he is shy, but there is mischief in his eye." Choir 1,4; Dramatics 3; F.F.A. 2,3,4; Intramural 1,3,4.



BARBARA O'BRIEN
 "I'm no angel but I'm happy."



NORMAN V. ONSTOTT
 "The world's greatest men have not commonly been its greatest scholars." Co-op 4; F.F.A. 2,3,4; Sentinel 4.



PETER DUANE OTTO
Transfer from Traverse City
High School, Traverse City,
Mich.
"Life is what you make it."
Co-op 3.



ELEANOR PEARSALL
"Being all that she is and
nothing else is not."
Student Council Alternate 4;
Co-op 4; G.A.A. 1; Letters 3.



E. TOM PETERS
"School spoils the whole
day."
Camera Club 1; Journalism 1;
Football 1, Mgr. 1; Basketball
Mgr. 1; School Photographer
2.



BONNIE M. PHILLIPS
"To us she gave laughter and
her jest."
Student Council 4; Class
President 4; Secretary 1;
Choir 2,3,4; Madrigals 2,3,4;
Dramatics Club 2; Modern
Dance 1,2; Secretary 2; Future
Nurses 2; G.A.A. 1; Y-Teens
2,3,4; Intramural 1,2,3,4;
Stude 3; Wolverine Girls
State 3; Office Secretary 3,4.



EDWARD THOMAS PAPPAS
Transfer from Sacred Heart
School. I suppose, is a
necessary evil." F.F.A. 4.



MAURICE PEGO
"When there's nothing else
to do, go to school. I am
an education that way."
F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Cross Country
1,2,3; Track 1,2,3.



THOMAS JOHN PETERSEN
"I could go a long way in the
world if I knew which way
to go."



DON PALMER
"You're only young once!"
Football 1,2,3,4.



SALLEY JANE PIERCE
"She speaks, behaves, and
acts just as she should."
Co-op 4.



EDWARD LLOYD PITTS
"Never estimate what's in a
quiet man."
F.F.A. 3.



ROBERT M. PRAAY
"A wise man will make more
opportunities than he finds."
Student Council 4; F.F.A. 2,
3,4; President 4.



JOYCE M. PRICE
"A true model of peace and
content."
F.H.A. 1.

Those Dreaded Examinations



DAVID RANDOLPH H.
"Oh! The need of the world
for men like me."
Student Council 4; Varsity
Club 2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4;
Track 1,2,3,4; Intramural 4.



PAUL RODRIGUEZ
"I stand on the brink of my
career. Will someone please
push me off?"
Choir 1,2,3,4; Varsity Club 4;
Football 1,2,4.



SHARON LEE SANBACK
"Peppy and full of fun, fine
company for everyone."
Dramatics Club 4; G.A.A. 2;
Ushers 3; Modern Dance 2;
Y-Teens 2,3,4; Stude 4; Der-
tack 4.



PAUL CILFORD SCHADE
"A star in our games, a star
in our classes, he's also
the star of all our classes."
Student Council 4; Choir 1,2,
3,4; Madrigals 4; Varsity Club
4; Football 4; Basketball 3,4,
Baseball 1; Intramural 2,3.



WAYNE SMITH
"Early to bed, early to rise
keeps a man until he dies."
F.A.A. 2,3,4.



CHARLES E. SCRIBNER
"Who's the greatest man in
the world, and why am I?"
Co-op 3,4; Varsity Club 2,3,
4; Basketball 1; Tennis 1,2,
3,4; Intramural 2,3.



FRANCES KAY SHROPSHIRE
"She's a quiet lass until you
see her out of class."

Those Sales After School



ROBERT J. STINSON
"Many great men are dying,
and I don't feel so good my-
self."
Student Council 1,4; Varsity
Club 4; Football 1,2; Base-
ball 1; Golf 2,3,4; Stude-
nt Editor 4; Derrick 4.



MARY E. STARR
(Transfer from Gladwin, Mich.)
"Can we ever have too much
of a good thing?"
Choir 4.



**JAYNICE
JOANNE STAVELEY**
"Exception to the rule of
haste makes waste."



GERALD S. STOKES
"A star? Well, he's always
out nights."



MARILYN SMITH
"The mildest manner and the
gentlest heart."
Choir 2,3,4.



NANCY ELAINE SWAIN
"A girl with many more...
Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,
4; Ushers 1.



DARRELL P. THORPE
"The difficult I do immediately — the impossible takes a little longer."
Student Council 4; Student Court Prosecuting Attorney 4; Class President 2; Dramatics 4; Hi-Y 4; Varsity Club 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 1, 2,3,4.



JO ANN TAYLOR
"What? No men in heaven?
Then leave me here."
Ushers 3,4; Teens 2,3,4.



MICHAEL J. SWEENEY
"A greater athlete may have
lived but we doubt it."
Varsity Club 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4;
Basketball 1,2,3,4; Tennis 2,3,4.



SHELBY JEAN TORPEY
"Call me at sunrise, but don't let the sun rise too early."



FRANCES
MARIE TREVISIOL
"The best of life is none too good for her."
Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 2,4;
Ushers 4; Y-Teens 2,3,4.



GLORIA LEE TULLY
"Quiet like the calm before the storm."
Choir 2,3,4; Library 2; Ushers 2,3.



ROBERT J. UPDEGRAFF
 "Life was made to be enjoyed.
 Oh, don't I know it!"
 Choir 1,2,3; Varsity Club 3,4;
 Football 2,3,4; Track 2,3,4.



MARGARET HAMILTON
 "Always laughing, always
 gay. Nature made her that
 way."
 Stu. Coun. 3, Class Pres.
 3, Band 1,2,3,4, Dance Band
 1,2,3, Pep Band 1,2,3, Y-
 Teens 2,3,4.



MARJORIE LEA WAGNER
 "High school days have their
 delights, but they can't
 compare with high school
 nights."
 Co-op 4; F.H.A. 1; G.A.A. 2;
 Library 2,4; Y-Teens 2.



WALTER D. UTTERBACK
 "He knows that football isn't
 the only place a good line
 is needed."
 Student Council 1,4; Dramatics
 Club 4; Thespians 4; Pro-
 jectors Club 1,2,3; Varsity
 Club 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,
 4; Basketball 1,2,3; Track 1,
 2,4; Intramural 4.



DIANNA MAE VANAUKER
 "She spoke but seldom
 choir 2,3,4, Treasurer 4; Y-
 Teens 2.

Look Back On The Past Years



THEO MAT VANCHU
 "It's nice to be natural when
 you're naturally nice."
 Choir 2,3, Vice President 4;
 Dramatics Club 1,2, Co-op 4;
 Y-Teens 2,3.



SYLVIA DIANNE WENDROW
 "Her achievements great,
 friends many."
 Stu. Coun. 4; V. Pres. 4;
 Band 1,2,3,4; Drum Major 3,4;
 Drama Club 1,2,3,4; Y-Teens
 2,3,4; Intramural 2,3,4; D.A.
 R. Grl 4; Co-Valedictorian 4.



HARRY WESLEY WELSH
 "He would be a ladies' man
 if they would give him a
 chance."
 Student Council 3,4; Varsity
 Club 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4;
 Baseball 1,4.



JERRY R. WILEY
 "Can I help it if the girls
 find me irresistible?"
 Student Council 1,4; Choir 2,
 3,4; President 4; Hi-Y 4;
 Varsity Club 2,3,4; Football
 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4;
 Track 4; Baseball 1,2,3,4.



BETTE MAY WINTER
 "Pretty as cotton candy and
 twice as sweet."
 Student Council 2; Band 1,2,
 3; Pep Band 3; G.A.A. 1,2;
 Ushers 1,2,3; Treasurer 3; Y-
 Teens 2,3,4; Social Dance
 Club.



MICHAEL J. WOODS
 "He was like a blotter —
 soaked it all in but got it
 all backwards."
 Varsity Club 3,4; Football
 1,2,3,4.



DONNA LEE WHITE
 "Mischief shines through her
 eyes."
 Student Council 1,3,4; Choir
 1,2,3,4; Council 3; Dramatics
 2,3; Treasurer 3; G.A.A. 1;
 Homecoming Attendant 1;
 Baseball Attendant 3; Pep
 Squad 2,3,4; Y-Teens 2,3,4;
 Intramural 2,3,4; Stude 4; Der-
 rick 4; Office Secretary 4.



MARILYN KAY WILSON
 "She is herself — that is
 enough."
 Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,
 3,4; Co-op 4; G.A.A. 1; Ushers
 2,3,4; Y-Teens 2,3,4; Intramural



RICHARD BRUCE WOOD
 "The line forms to the right,
 girls!"
 Student Council 1,4; Choir
 1,3,4; Council 3; Hi-Y 4;
 Varsity Club 2,3,4; Social
 Dance Club 3; Football 1,2,
 3,4; Basketball 3; Track 1,2,
 3,4; Intramural 4.



JAMES R. WOODS
 "The line forms to the left,
 girls!"
 Student Council 2,3; Band 1;
 Hi-Y 4; Treasurer 4; Varsity
 Club 3,4; Football 2,3; Track
 1,2,3,4; Intramural 3,4; Der-
 rick 4; Stude 4.



MARJORIE HELEN WOJACK
 "She's not a rule breaker —
 just a mischief maker."
 Co-op 4; F.H.A. 2.



JUSTINE YOUNG
"Let silence be for saints -
I'm human."
Future Nurses 2; G.A.A. 1.
Ushers 1,2,3; Y-Teens 2,3.

Remember Our Last Day



GLORIA A. ZYGMUNT
"Hair of gold, eyes of blue."

Twenty-seven years of service as librarian and English teacher in this school came to a close this spring with the retirement of Miss Sadie Juliet Woodruff.

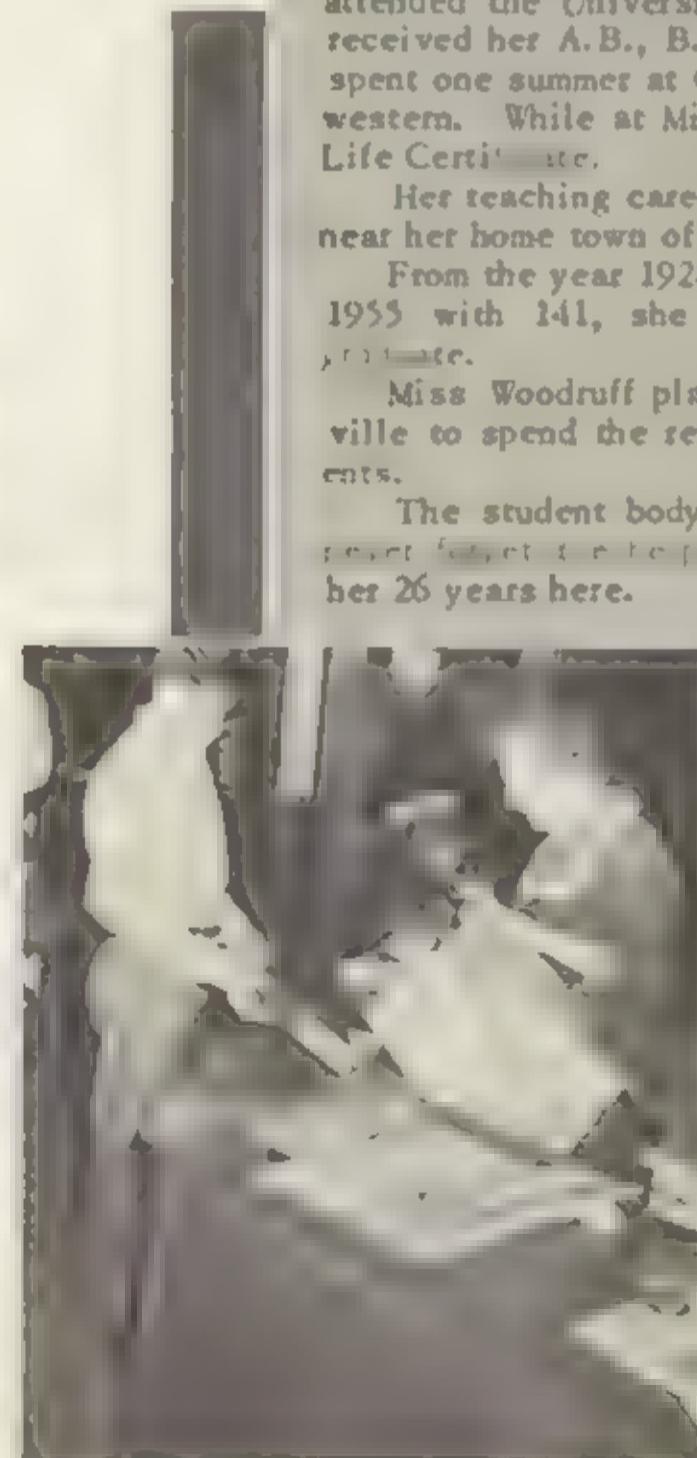
In her years before coming to M.P.H.S. she attended the University of Michigan where she received her A.B., B.S., and M.A. degrees. She spent one summer at Columbia and one at Northwestern. While at Michigan Normal she got her Life Certificate.

Her teaching career started in a rural school near her home town of Kendallville, Indiana.

From the year 1928 with its 62 graduates till 1955 with 141, she has seen many students graduate.

Miss Woodruff plans to go back to Kendallville to spend the rest of her life with her parents.

The student body, faculty, and people will never forget the help she has given to them in her 26 years here.





Homework Is No Problem . . .



The Juniors Plan Their Annual Hop

"Dancing Silhouettes" was the theme given to the Junior Hop by President Doug Evett, Vice President Phil House, Secretary Shirley Phillips, and Treasurer Lola Belle Stevens, shown here.

ROW ONE: Nancy Albar, Joan Amburn, Frances Anderson, Larry Anderson, Dick Anspach, Ron Archer, Virginia Armstrong, ROW TWO: Tom Bacme, Diane Baker, Minnie Bear, Kyle Bell, Jim Bess, Jean Bizzard, Faye Lou Brinkman, ROW THREE: Carol Brewster, Larry Bristol, Brian Brownson, Lucy Buckey, Bob Burton, Leo Caldwell, Donald Carlson, ROW FOUR: Joe Castello, Phil Chapman, Judy Collier, Ruth Collins, Bart Coon, Delores Conkright, Pat Crane. ROW FIVE: Dan Cruz, Vera Cruz, Dick Dangler, Clarence David, Joe Davis, Bob Dawson, Jim Demski.



Juniors



ROW ONE: Lloyd Dibble, Harriet Dowell, Barb Doyens, Dee Ann Drallete, Willie Epple, Betty Elkins, Bonnie Ervin. ROW TWO: Doug Everett, Betty Getchell, Bob Glover, Sharon Grace, Shirley Grace, Mona Lee Graham, Sally Grewe. ROW THREE: Lavinia Griffin, Terry Hammond, Jane Harvey, Ellen Hayward, Duane Hazelton, Bill Hill, Ardith Hoover. ROW FOUR: Phillip House, Anna Hradel, Duane Huffman, Pat Huguelet, Bob James, David John, Mark Johnston. ROW FIVE: Bob Johnston, Milan Johnson, Mary Jones, Nancy Jones, Jo Klosowski, Connie Koppler, Gail Leonard. ROW SIX: Shirley Lewis, Louise Liddendale, Lorraine Love, Janet Lovejoy, Lafem Lucas, Dick Lambert, Tim Lyach. ROW SEVEN: Larry McBride, Mike McClintic, Jerry McFarlane, Betty Mahon, Frank Marcus, Ron Markel, John Mayberry. ROW EIGHT: George Miller, Dick Mogg, Don Moose, Sue Morrow, Helen Mutterspaugh, Pat Nedele, Joyce Neff.



Juniors

ROW IN: Carolyn Johnson, Harold Perkins, Dick Peters, Dick Peters, Jim Petersen, Shirley Phillips, Lester Olson, R. W. Pyle, Sam Rau, Kevitt Reiter, G. Richard Roberts, Marvin Schaefer, Lawrence Scott, Steve Scott, R. W. T. Smith, Eddie Snodgrass, Scott Smith, Dick Soderstrom, Don Sundquist, Tom Swail, Dick Swanson, Ann Swanson, Bob Tollefson, Linda Welke Stevens, Leonard T. Stiles, Dick Stuck, Ed Swanson, Nancy Tuck, Shirley Van Ooster, Fred F. Vile, Jim Voss, Tom Wadsworth, Ken Walker, John Walker, Shirley Watson, Lee A. Weller, Larry West, K. W. W. Williams, G. W. Williams, Garth Wiltse, Ray Zimmerman.

Sophomores Have Fun Selecting Those Popular Class Rings



Starfire stone class rings fascinate President Lynn Mersfort, Vice President Nan Woodruff, Secretary Lynn Detwiler, and Treasurer Nancy Bajley. The class' novel float won second with its "We've Got the Panthers Goin' Around."

Sophs



ROW ONE: Sonja Ahrens, Jim Ainsc, Kay Asward, Donna Austin, Nancy Bailev, Bernice Baldwin, Terry Batchelder, ROW TWO: Marlene Bechtel, Shirley Beruske, Kay Blizzard, Joann Bourne, Gene Bowers, Bill Brinken, Bill Brown, ROW THREE: Walter Carter, Pat Carson, David Curtis, Beatrice Clegg, Linda Cook, Kay Crawford, Charles Crowley, ROW FOUR: Rachel Cruz, Mary Curtis, Allen Davis, Barb Davis, Darlene Davis, Virgil Davis, Deanna Deale. ROW FIVE: Larry Deckard, Elina Detwiler, Lynne Detwiler, Kay Dimit, Keith Dimit, Gary Dixon, Bill Donaldson. ROW SIX: Tom Donaldson, Larry Dunbar, Russ Durfee, Nancy Elsman, Shirley Elert, Mark Ely, Chester Ert. ROW SEVEN: Marilyn Fairchild, Dick Fate, Karen Fike, Roy Findley, Pat Fine, George Fischer, Charles Fitzpatrick. ROW EIGHT: Joe Fitzgerald, Jack Fluharty, Janet Fogelson, John Folz, Jean Foust, Pat Frank, Barb Freer.

Sophs



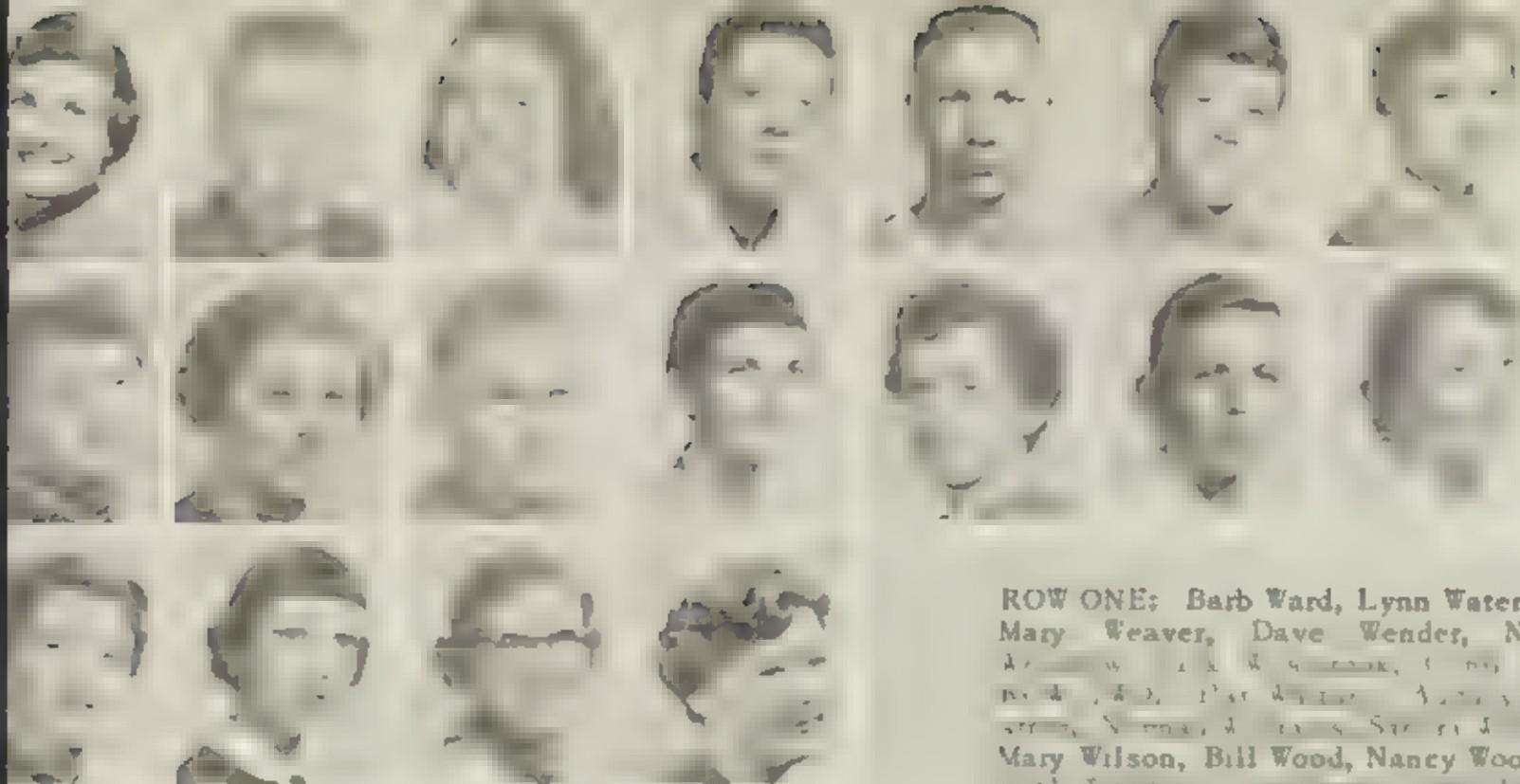
ROW ONE: Barb Free, Rick Gatten, Leah Gillett, Brenda Green, Alan Greer, Grace Grace, Laura Gross. ROW TWO: Frank Griffith, Barb Groves, Darrill Haddock, Eileen Hancock, Betty Hartman, Dick Johnson, Denny Johnson, Bob Jones, Alan Judd, Don Hartless, Bill James, Ken James, Paul James, Sue Jane, Kari Jensen, Bob Johnson, Mary L. Haynes, Esther Hezelton, Carol Hezelton, Paul Hezelton, Linda Hilding, Jim Johnson, Lynn Foley. ROW FIVE: Tom Houston, Barb Howe, Denny Howell, Nancy Imhoff, Junior Isaac, Pat Jarman, Bob Johnson. ROW SIX: Gary Johnson, Mark Johnson, David Jones, Lynn Jones, Yvonne Kightley, Ruth Kite, Host Kuscer. ROW SEVEN: Anna Knott, Jan Kranan, Dan Lamb, Mary Lamont, Loraine Lampman, Lynn Lammer, Jack Little. ROW EIGHT: Bonnie Logue, Jack Long, Chester Powers, Jim Medone, Gene McAlister, Vicki McAlister, Ron McCullough.

Sophos



ROW ONE: Dave McGee, Nancy Clark, Dick McLean, Dave Martin, Larry Mason, Dick Mead, Lynn McFerrin, Rock Tandy, Mike Merchant, Shirley Metzger, Sharon Merrill, Bonnie Metzger, Kent Miller, Delores Morrison, Irene Morrison, Rock Tandy, Gail Nelson, Marilyn Norton, Janet Moss, Shelby Morrison, Dick Myers, Bob Neerden, Bob Nettie, Rock Tandy, Unity Nelson, Pat O'Brien, Jim Pratt, John Parker, Mary Phillips, Denise Phiney, Edith Prescott, Rock Tandy; ROW TWO: Stan Prince, Lorita Recker, Ann Rensler, Frank Rock, Pete Lenzweck, Rosalie Rock, Ruth Santers, Rock Saxon, Louise Savage, Louise Saxon, Joyce Saxon, Douglas Smith, Shirley Soder, Charles Spence, Bruce Berry Sprague, Rock STEVEN, Leon Stavely, Marilyn Stokes, Verna Stokes, Dick Strack, Bill Treinen, Skip Trope, Esther Vande, Rock H. Vande, Delia Torres, Wayne Tyler, Betty Updegraff, Bonnie Van Auker, Dean Verleger, Larry Vernon, Sharon Wagner.

Sophie



ROW ONE: Barb Ward, Lynn Waterworth,
Mary Weaver, Dave Wender, Norman
Kleinschmidt, Carol Koenig,
Mike Ladd, Pauline Avery, Dick
Merrill, Dennis Sorenson,
Mary Wilson, Bill Wood, Nancy Woodruff,
Bill Tietzel, Sue Ann Westergaard,
Sharon Yeater, Loralee Nicks.

Punch for the Frosh

Punch and cookies made by classes of eighth and ninth graders were served in the cafeteria during the evening. Santa Claus handed out favors made by the Boys' Personal Living class and praised the decorations and program.



Frosh officers Geoff Nelson, president; John Frisch, vice president; Lee Davis, secretary, and Joan Westbrook, treasurer, give a toast to the success of the eighth and ninth grade party, a pre-Christmas affair.

Fresh



ROW ONE: Norene Abbes, Charles Alfonzo, Donna Allen, Joe Allen, John Allison, Bob Bailey, Jerry Baird. ROW TWO: Carol Baker, Kathy Baldwin, Maria Barnes, Martin Bass, Jo Ann Beauchamp, Alan Block, Ruth Block. ROW THREE: Gary Boursaw, Dorothy Brewster, Karen Bronson, Judy Browning, Winifred Burns, Diane Cairns, Donni Cameron. ROW FOUR: Melvin Cameron, Richard Campen, Vivian Cashen, Lupe Castano, Mary Chamberlain, Liz Cabuesch, Janice Coellner. ROW FIVE: Dennis Cottell, Marilyn Cole, Bob Coriwell, Bill Cook, Carol Coppens, Jane Counterman, Lucy Cruz. ROW SIX: Elmer Cuter, Gary Dangler, Lee Davis, Norma Davis, Marilyn Dawson, Dawn Detwiler, Vernon Dingman. ROW SEVEN: Loretta Donald, Al Dowell, Bob Downing, Ethel Duonnon, Linda Eber, Robert Elkins, Ivy Emery. ROW EIGHT: Larry Elvin, Sue Everett, Gary Farr, Alva Findley, Mike Fish, Samuel Fisher, Bonnie Foltz.

Fresh



ROW ONE: Connie Freer, John Friach, Mary Fugate, Don Fuller, Lance Fuller, Jim Funnell, Bonnie Gannon. ROW TWO: Leon Gates, John Getzelt, Bruce Getzelt, Bob Gilbert, Julie Gorthe, Martha Gorthe, Tom Gorthe. ROW THREE: Carole Grimm, Donna Guthrie, David Hale, Barbara Huel, Marvyn Heintz, Sue Harris, Bonnie Harvey, Rob Folk, Bill Hayward, Mary Lou Hazelton, Tony Heintz, Jeri Hickman, Willie Hinzman, Gary House, Dick Hovey. ROW FIVE: Pat Howe, Dudley Hoyt, Lisle Hunter, Lee Anna Hutchins, Clark Irvin, Sue Jackson, Gloria Jacobs. ROW SIX: Robert Jacobs, Jane Jimenez, Sue Joslin, Nancy Kallis, Sue Kelly, John Kennedy, Lee Kennett. ROW SEVEN: Kay Knick, Connie Knoebel, Betty Kuhlman, Bernard Lamoreaux, Jack Langman, Judy Lanahan, Jo Leanna. ROW EIGHT: Guy Lezin, Pat Little, Jo Ann Livingston, Dave Long, Bob Loveloy, Harry Lambert, Janet Lynch.

Frost





Fresh

ROW ONE: Sue Sponseller, Duane Stahl, Mary Stewart, Larry Stinson, Margaret Sweeney, Leon Switzer, Linda Switzer. ROW TWO: Helen Theriot, Roger Frey, Louise Tomey, Gran Utterback, Milan Van Orden, Eddy Walker, Ron Watson. ROW THREE: Pat Weaver, Nancy Wender, Joan Kestbrook, Dick Lev, Dick Williams, Mary L. S. P., Jean Kuse. ROW FOUR: Marlene Winters, Ruth Ann Jackson, Kenneth Jackson, Winston Wood, Paul Wright, Marvin Young, Lavonna Hutchins.

Eighth Graders Enjoy Parade and Party



Eighth graders made a hit with their elaborate homecoming float, a crepe paper design featuring an outline of the State of Michigan. Later they greeted Santa Claus at the eighth and ninth grade party. Pictured with the old gent are President Caroline Merrill, Vice President Betty Bowers, Secretary Hope Conway, and Treasurer Roger Rahl.

Eighth



ROW ONE — Trudy Adams, Webb Allen, Cathy Allen, Roger Anderson, Steve Anderson, Don Anthony, Floyd Arkerson, R.D. (W.) — Mary Ann Backus, Ruth Ann Bailey, Tom Bailey, Juleen Bass, Francis Ben Kary, Bennett, Eddie Bissell, K.W. (T.R.) — Jen Blizzetti, Betty Bowers, Anita Brenner, Jack Brewster, Janice Brown, Shirley Brown, Ron Buxton, **ROW FOUR** — Sharon Buckner, Robert Cukas, Riley Curran, Sylvan Carson, Henry Cushing, Mike Claus, Bud Colwell, R.D. (F.V.) — Statton Colwell, Ruth Ann Collins, Hope Conaway, Lela Coon, Nancy Coon, Sandra Davis, Barbara Dingman, R.D. (S.A.) — Ray Davis, Francis Denton, Bonnie Denton, Mickey Dingman, Jim Duddles, Eva Ernest, Lavona Eaton, **ROW SEVEN**, Martin Elliot, Betty Emery, Ida Emery, Marsha Fair, Robert Fairchild, Margarite Heithers, Marlene Heid, **ROW EIGHT**, Eric Hinson, Barbara Hinney, Betty Hitchett, Dorothy Foreman, Lyne Ford, Reva Gannon, Wilma Gannon.



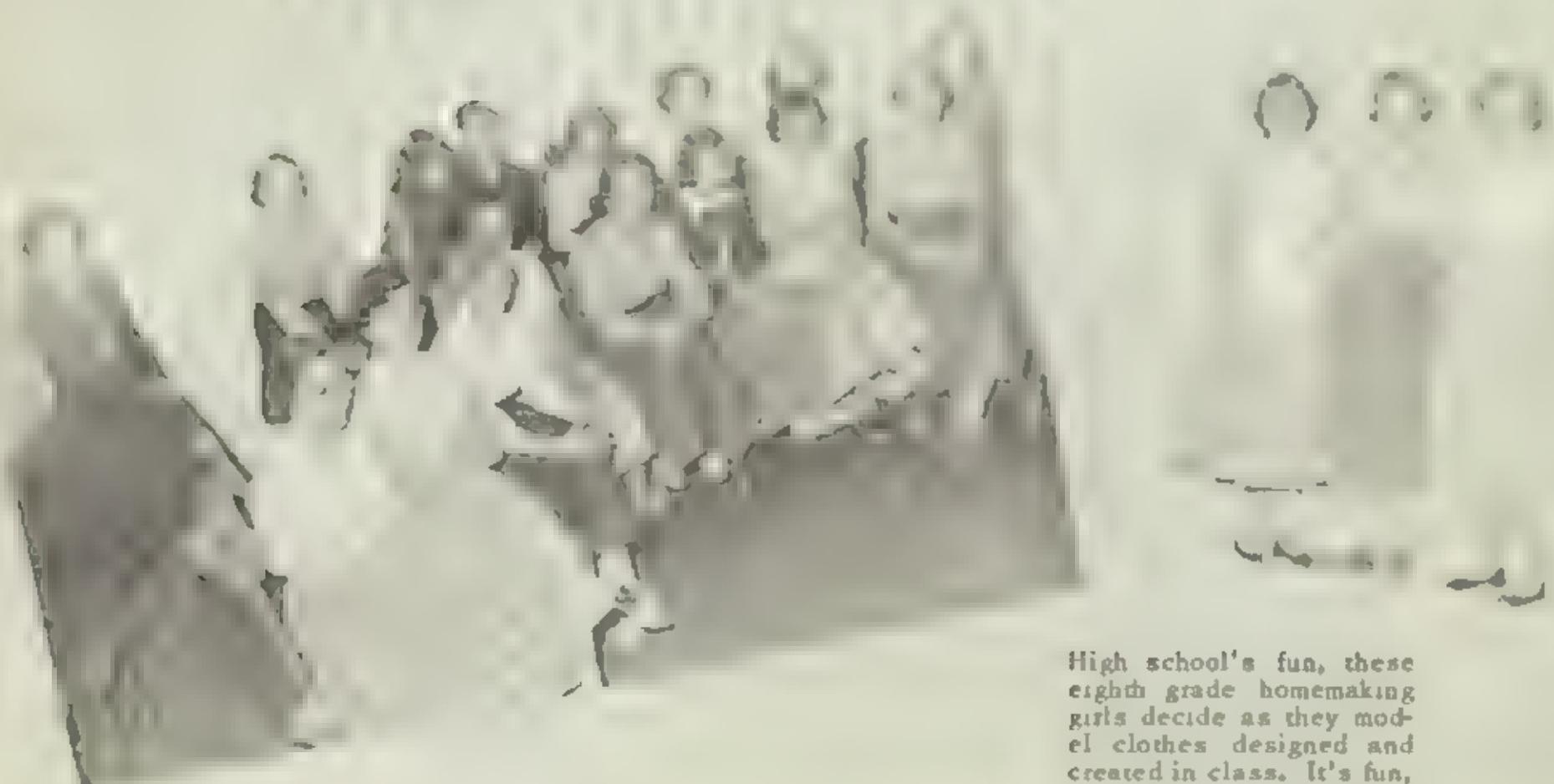
Eighth

ROW ONE: Ken Gerhardt, June Gibson, Terry Gill, Janet Glass, Norma Gregg, Doug Hansen, John Harness, R.W. Hawe, Gary Harvey, Mary Lou Heintz, Sharon Horton, Sandra Hostetter, Roger Hughes, Helen Jackson, Bern Johnson. **ROW TWO:** Robert Johnson, Kay Jones, Loraine Karl, Donal Kegg, Gene Kemp, Tom Kirk Connell, Peter Knapp. **ROW THREE:** Ben Knipe, Kiv Krapen, Ace Kraus, Kay Lattley, Sharon Lentz, Freddie Lickert, Tony Lopez. **ROW FOUR:** Madelon Lotentson, Pat Lovejoy, Leroy Lower, Mike Lynch, Bob McAlester, Gerald McDonald, Kenneth McQueen. **ROW FIVE:** Mary Milon, Barbara Merrifield, Caroline Merrill, Sue Middlesworth, Don Miller, Carolyn Moore, Gary Moose. **ROW SIX:** Rachel Moreno, Gayle Mortensen, Mary Moss, Peter Motsatson, Connie Mullett, Bob Mustard, Ronnie Mumy. **ROW SEVEN:** Axema Nolan, Bob Instott, Danny O'Byrne, Dixie O'Byrne, Gary Fack et, John Palmer, Dan Paullin.

Eighth



ROW ONE: David Peterson, Anna Prescott, Harry Price, Roy Queada, Roger Lynn, Diane Rich, Judy Robison. ROW TWO: Beulah Ruegsegger, Roger Sheets, Alex Sleight, Marion Smith, Polly Joy Smith, Judy Snyder, Robert Stahl. ROW THREE: Mary Lou Stevens, Darlene Ladd, Garry Miller, Carol Jones, Carol Traylor, Jean Traylor, Helen Utterback. ROW FOUR: Linda Utterback, Anna Verner, Shirley Wilson, Carol Weston, Lucy Westbrook, Connie Winkfield, Joyce Wood. ROW FIVE: Robert Wood, Tom Woodruff, Jim Yost, Jack Young, Elton Bellinger.



High school's fun, these eighth grade homemaking girls decide as they model clothes designed and created in class. It's fun, too, to join the audience and watch the others.

A STRONGER NATION VOTE YES

One of the most controversial issues in modern Mt. Pleasant times ended Nov. 23, 1954, as the city's citizens voted to erect a new high school. In four previous attempts, the proposal was defeated at the polls. The fifth ballot carried by a surprisingly decisive 2-1 margin. Out of 2348 votes cast, 1513 were for the new school. Negatives numbered 835.

The new school is being built on the southwest site, which received 1447 of the votes cast for the building's location. Bonds secured in the amount of \$1,500,000 will probably be paid off in 14 years.

In campaigning for the school, civic groups openly gave support. Full page ads listing hundreds of boosters were run in the Daily Times-News by the businessmen of Mt. Pleasant. A number of articles entitled "Your Schools" were also run. A film strip, "So Many Children", showing actual classroom conditions in the city's schools pointed out the real need for more space.

Even the students got in on the act. The day before the clinching vote, a parade consisting of the high school band, college band, and floats made by high school students made its way through downtown Mt. Pleasant. Marching high school and elementary students carried posters urging a "Yes" vote for better education.

Perhaps one reason why the bond issue was not passed on an earlier ballot was the arguing on the choice of sites. This situation prompted one man to say that "If we baffle over sites, we'll never get a school. We need a new school no matter where it's built."

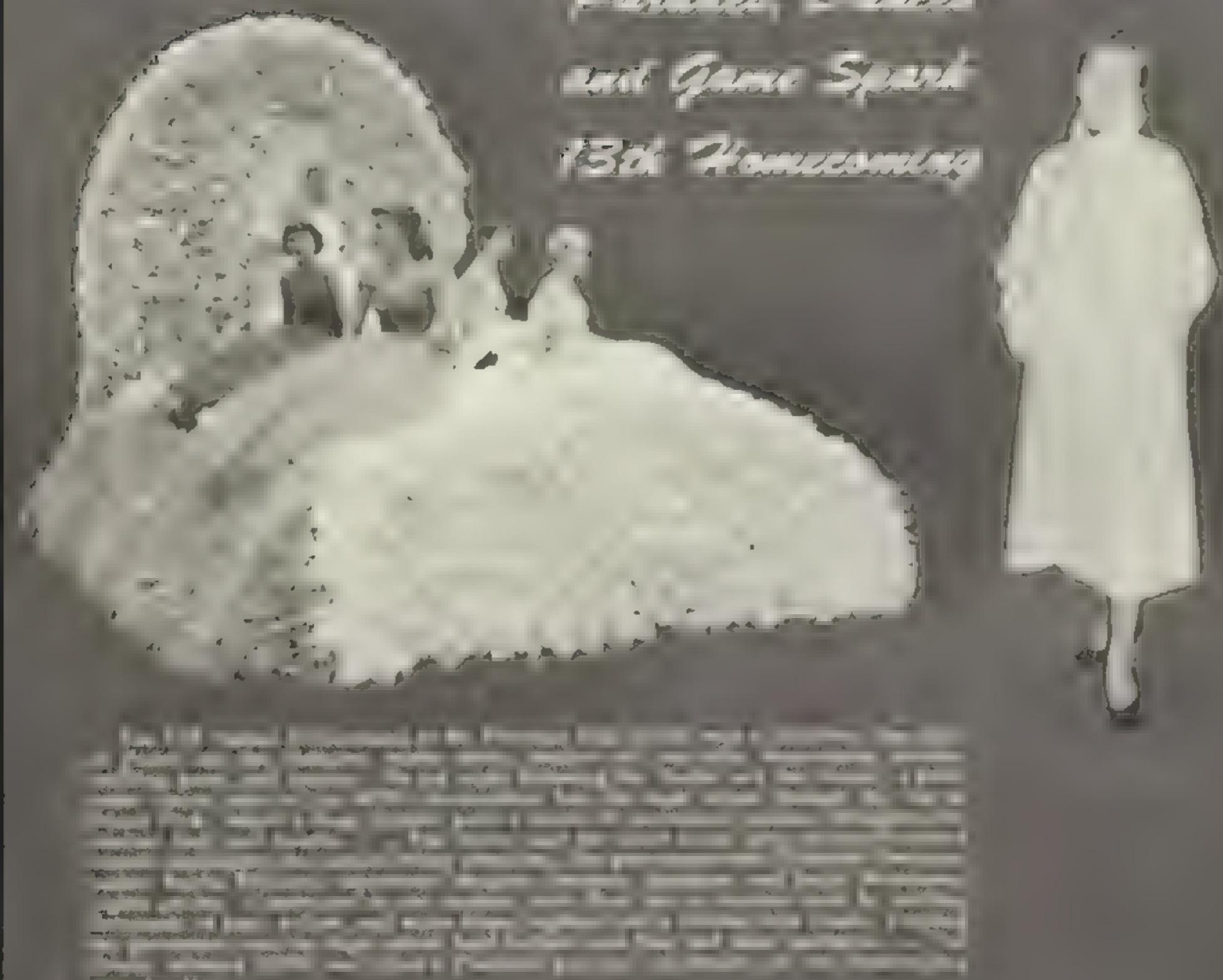
A victory dance was held at the MPHS gym the night following the fifth ballot. Mr. John Wiley, assistant principal, rang the bell atop the present high school at 10 o'clock in honor of our late principal, L. C. Wendt. Mr. Wendt vowed that he would personally climb up and ring it if we ever got a new school.

So the building that was but a year ago just a dream to students, faculty, and civic-minded citizens, is now rising skyward. The new school . . . a monument to those who fought for it . . . an institution to prepare tomorrow's citizens for tomorrow's world.

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Every Man in Every Play . . .



Oilers Tie for Conference Championship

Entering the '53 season as Class B State Champs in football, the '54 Oilers began right where they had left off. With a winning streak of eight straight to improve on, they won six in a row and had a two year record of 13 consecutive victories. Before their let down, they had held the top spot in virtually all the ratings. Despite their two losses at the closing of the season, the Oilers were still able to pull up 1.5 points compared to their opponents' .4. Proof of their defensive power is shown by the scores of the other teams as Mt. Pleasant held them to an average of five points a game.

Along with some of the misers of the '54 season there were also many highlights. One of the brightest moments for the Oilers was the East Lansing game when Bud Holtz returned the second half kickoff 7 yards for the Oilers' second TD of the evening. Another time at East Lansing it was Holtz again, this time with an intercepted pass good for an 80 yard six pointer. The Fighting Cane also proved to have some trials. This was the game when junior fullback Terry Harmon scored three TD's, one of which came on an exciting 75 yard run. Although there weren't any territorial conquests for the Oilers in the big home game, it was third after third, mostly supplied by Roger Frayre's consistent gains on end sweeps.

There were bad times connected with the '54 season, the worst being the loss of ace quarterback Jerry Wiley because of a knee injury. Also unforgettable is the Saginaw St. Andrew's game when the Figgmen lost five of five fumbles.

Despite their lack of loss to Mac-Stee, the Oilers were still able to tie for first in the conference. Along with this honor, four individuals were placed on the All-Conference first team. These were end Ted Foye, center John Thorpe, fullback Mike Sweeney, and tackle Dave Randolph. Quarterback Wesley Welsh and Bill Finch were named to the second team. Sweeney and Thorpe were also named to numerous All-State teams, and Foye and Randolph received honorable mention.

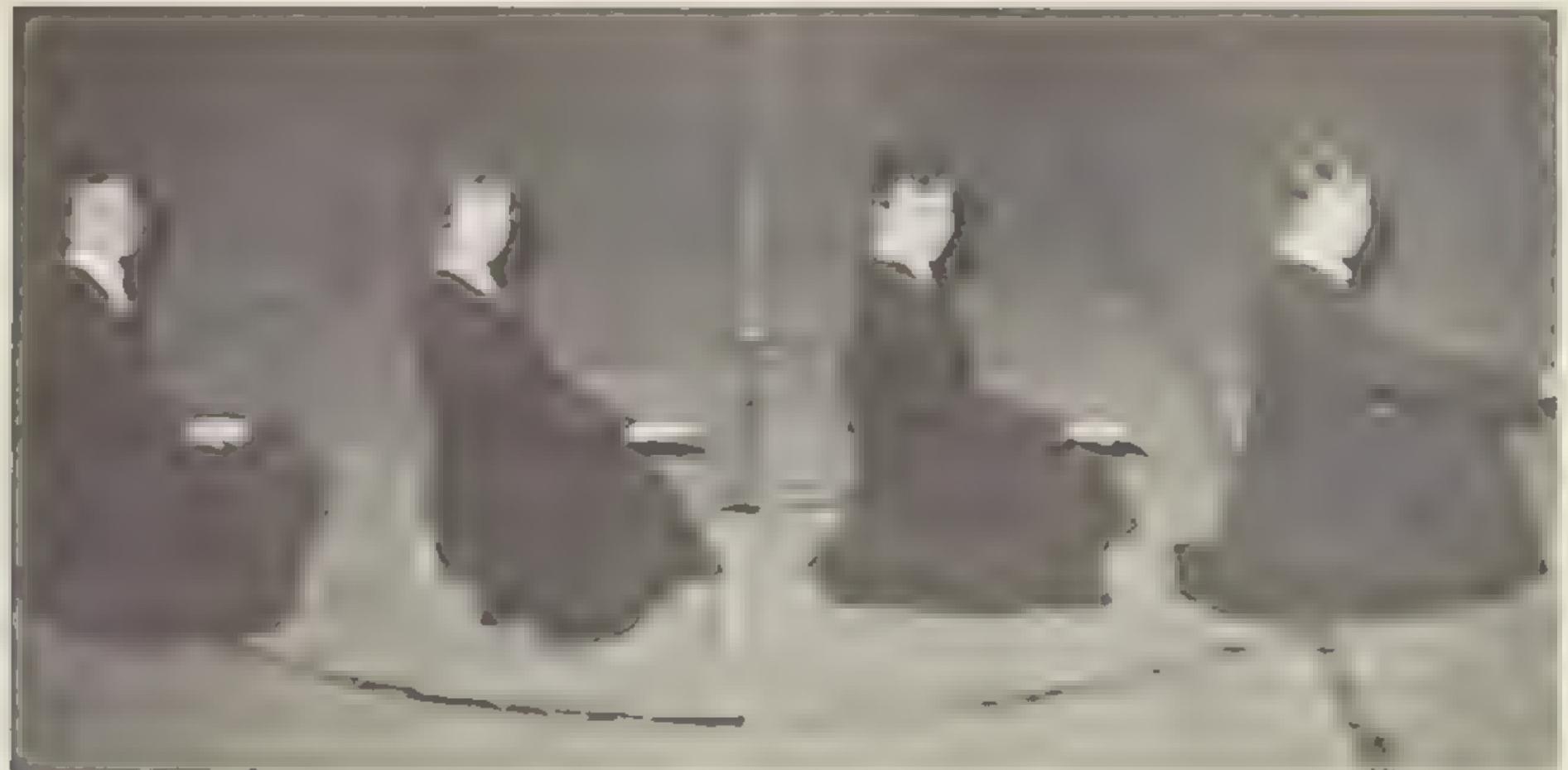


MPHS	27	East Lansing	0
MPHS	25	Bay City St. Joseph's	0
MPHS	41	Ludington	7
MPHS	27	Cadillac	0
MPHS	26	Alma	1
MPHS	13	Big Rapids	6
MPHS	6	Saginaw St. Andrew's	14
MPHS	0	Manistee	-



Under the watchful eye of Coach Fred Goodell, the Wildcats compiled an impressive record of 4 wins and 2 losses. Both of the defeats came from Class A teams Midland and Bay City Handy. The Cats, whose home site is Fancher Field, were handicapped by their lack of size. The line was where size was lacking and they had to depend on their speed and aggressiveness. The backs who were Phil Harris, Jack Long, and Ray Kullman were also very fast and should bolster the varsity backfield next year.





The W.L.C. cheerleaders were behind their team one hundred per cent this year. They are left to right: O'Navy Kornblatt, Jean Houst, Carol White, and Barb Ward. These four kept the fans together, supporting their W.L.C. gridlers at Banquet Ball and their junior varsity basketball squad at their home games in the big theater. They were smartly dressed in navy colored skirts with navy and gold Varsity sweaters. The W.L.C. cheerleading squad was developing for Varsity just as their team was.



The '55 cross country team finished out the season as they placed twelfth in the State meet. Although it was not a particularly high finish, the team had only one senior and the chances for improvement next year are good.

In the conference meet, Coach Calvin Miller's boys placed second and in the regional meet they also took runner-up honors. In both meets it was Alma whom they trailed.

Pacing this year's squad was senior Loren Liedel who took first place in the regional and conference and placed seventh at the State meet.

Oilers Gain Runner-Up Spot in NCM Conference And Move to Quarter-Finals in State Tournaments



Basketball

For the second straight year the Oiler cagers managed to lose only three games during the entire season. In conference competition it was the same old story with the local squad again runner-up to Ludington. In regular season play the Oilers' only two defeats came at the hands of the Ludington Orioles.

In tournaments the Oilers really went on the rampage. They defeated Big Rapids in the District Finals and eliminated a powerful West Branch five in the Regional Finals. This game was probably the highlight of the season as the Oilers ran completely over the West Branch five who had seen only one previous defeat during the season.

In the quarterfinals the problem of not hitting proved fatal and the Oilers were eliminated by the powerful Negaunee squad.

Individual honors were bestowed upon Bud Foltz, Jerry Wiley, and Mike Sweeney as all three were named to the All-Conference squad. Sweeney was also named on one of the Detroit Free Press All-State teams.

MPHS	OPPONENTS	
67	St. Johns	40
58	Alma	40
56	Cadillac	45
73	Cass City	40
61	Manistee	33
67	Big Rapids	40
45	Ludington	33
71	Clare	61
61	Cadillac	45
60	Alma	48
	Mt. Clemens	
70	St. Mary's	43
68	Manistee	54
69	Ionia	50
61	Big Rapids	50
66	St. Johns	53
51	Ludington	75
	DISTRICT TOURNAMENT	
50	Clare	51
66	Big Rapids	52
	REGIONAL TOURNAMENT	
79	Petoskey	71
82	West Branch	60
	QUARTERFINALS	
46	Negaunee	64

Varsity Material On the Way Up

Great things are expected in future years from Coach Figg's '54-55 freshman basketball team.

In an unprecedented move, the Wildkitten's complete starting five composed of forwards Larry Stinson and Jerry Hickman, center Willie Hinzman, and guards Hank Pety and Eddie Walker were moved up to the second team at midseason. These five boys led the frosh cagers down a path of nine straight victories paved by lop-sided scores before their promotion. After they left, the remaining cagers split in their final four games, losing two by close margins to hang up an impressive 11-wins and 2-losses mark for the season.

Coach Figg points with pride to the fact that every player on his 16 man squad saw action in every game.

In January three strings of frosh beat Clare into submission, setting a school scoring record at Pullen gym. Final score: Mt. Pleasant 85 - Clare 27.

Working together for the first time in their beginning careers as basketball men at MPHS, the eighth graders won all six of their games with out-of-town opponents.

Champions of the Big Rapids Tournament and finishing second in the City eighth grade league played on Saturdays, Coach Al Drath's team should provide strength in coming years for Mt. Pleasant.



Performing before the varsity basketball games, the Mt. Pleasant Wildcat squad failed to break even, which was sort of a rarity.

Posting 7 wins and 9 defeats, Coach Lomie Kerr's J.V.'s gained experience for the future, when they will carry the Oiler colors into battle on the hardwood court.

Victory Was Shared By All



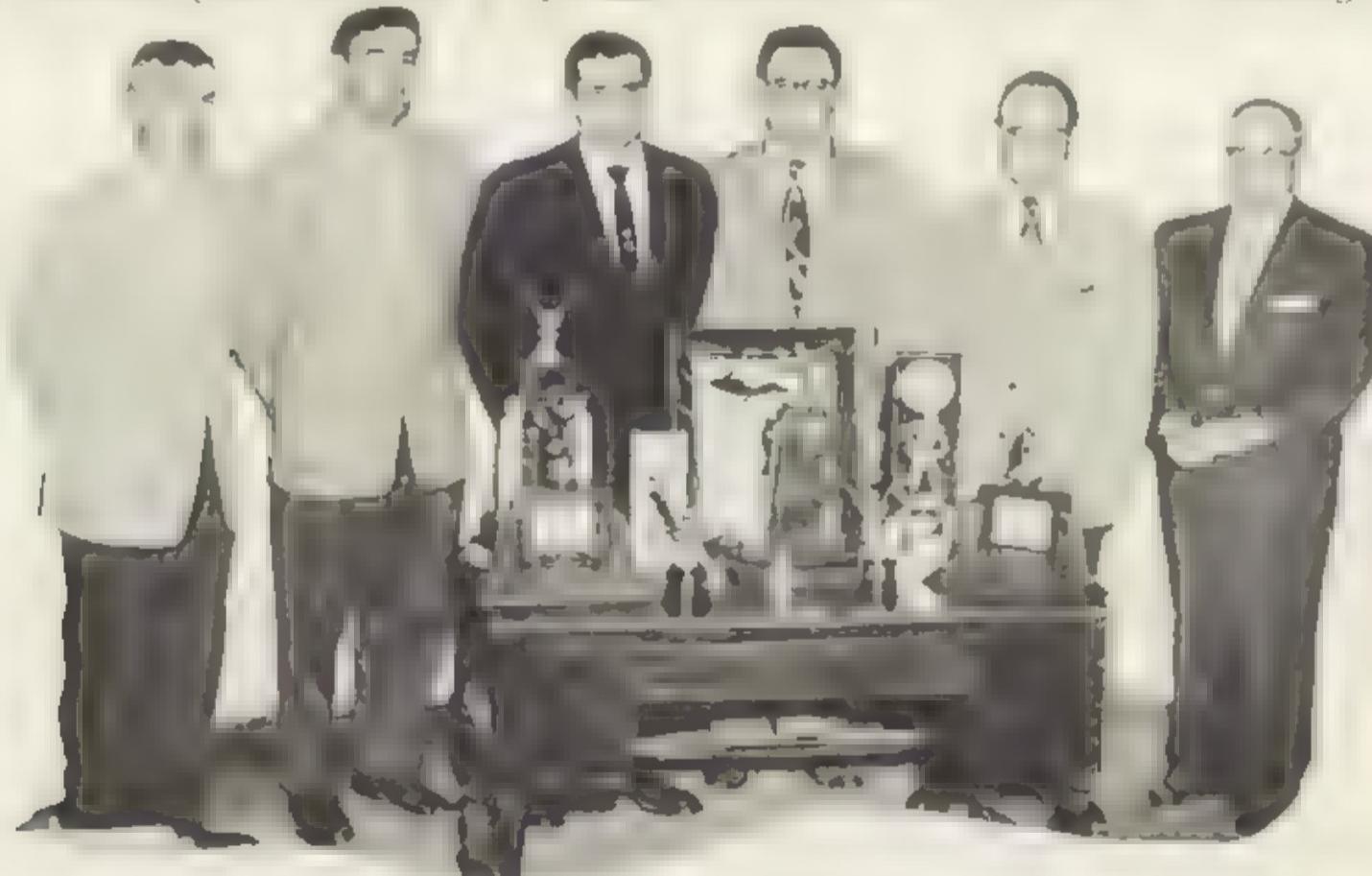
Dick Wood's noonhour basketball team raced through the regular season and post season tournament undefeated, except for two exhibition losses to the faculty, on their way to the noon-hour championship.

An all-star team picked from the remaining five teams in the league edged Wood's squad 24-22 in the All-Star game which attracted wide student interest.

Wood's team placed two men on the All-Noon Hour basketball team. Bill Apple and Dick Wood. Other players making the honor squad were Dan Buckley, Phil Chipman and Paul Heydenburg.

The six-team league was made up of Mayberry's team, Chipman's team, Stahl's team, McFarlane's team, Randolph's team, and the champs, Wood's team. Squads this year had only the name of their team captains for titles.

Varsity cagers Bud Foltz and Butch Thorpe refereed all noon hour contests. Attendance at most noon hour games was low as spectators watched from the balcony overlooking the gym.



Coaches pictured with some of their recently won trophies are, from left to right, Bobb Wardrop, athletic director, basketball and golf, Bill Figg, head football, freshman basketball, and reserve baseball, Al Drath, football and assistant track, David Gover, tennis, Cal Miller, cross country, and Fred Goodell, reserve football and track. Missing when the picture was taken was Lomie Kerr, football, reserve basketball, and baseball.

Spring Teams Win NCM Crowns

For Coach Fred Goodell's thinclads the '55 season was very profitable. Starting with a win in the big indoor meet they went on to win all their dual meets and sweep the conference and regional.

Led by Dave Myers, state 220 champion, and hurdler Jerry Wiley, they captured fourth place at the state meet.

Besides the team's fine overall showing they accounted for the breaking of four school records. Myers broke the 440 record, tied the century mark, and ran anchor on the record-breaking 880 relay team. Jerry Wiley also cracked the low hurdle record.





The '55 tennis team was more deserving than its record of six wins and five losses showed. Behind the coaching of Dave Gover, the Oilers won the conference championship for the first time. They had champs in both the singles — Chuck Scribner — and doubles — Mike Sweeney and Roger Frayre.

In the regional the racketmen wound up second behind a powerful East Lansing group. Sweeney and Scribner were regional doubles champs and went to the state semi-finals. This fine showing enabled the team to tie for an overall fourth at state.

Graduation saw Coach Gover's top three leave.



Oiler golfers stroked their way through the '55 season with the best record of any MPHS golf team, winning nine of ten dual meets against one loss to strong "A" Midland.

Led by Tom Horton with an 80 and Gene McAlester with 78, they took runners-up honors in the regional meet May 14 at the local club. A long-hitting sophomore, Mac claimed medalist honors.

The following Saturday at Kalamazoo, Coach Bobb Wardrop's shotmakers stumbled to a disappointing tenth in the state championship. They did hold together to win the conference meet at Manistee. Scores soared as the golfers battled the tremendous wind off Lake Michigan.

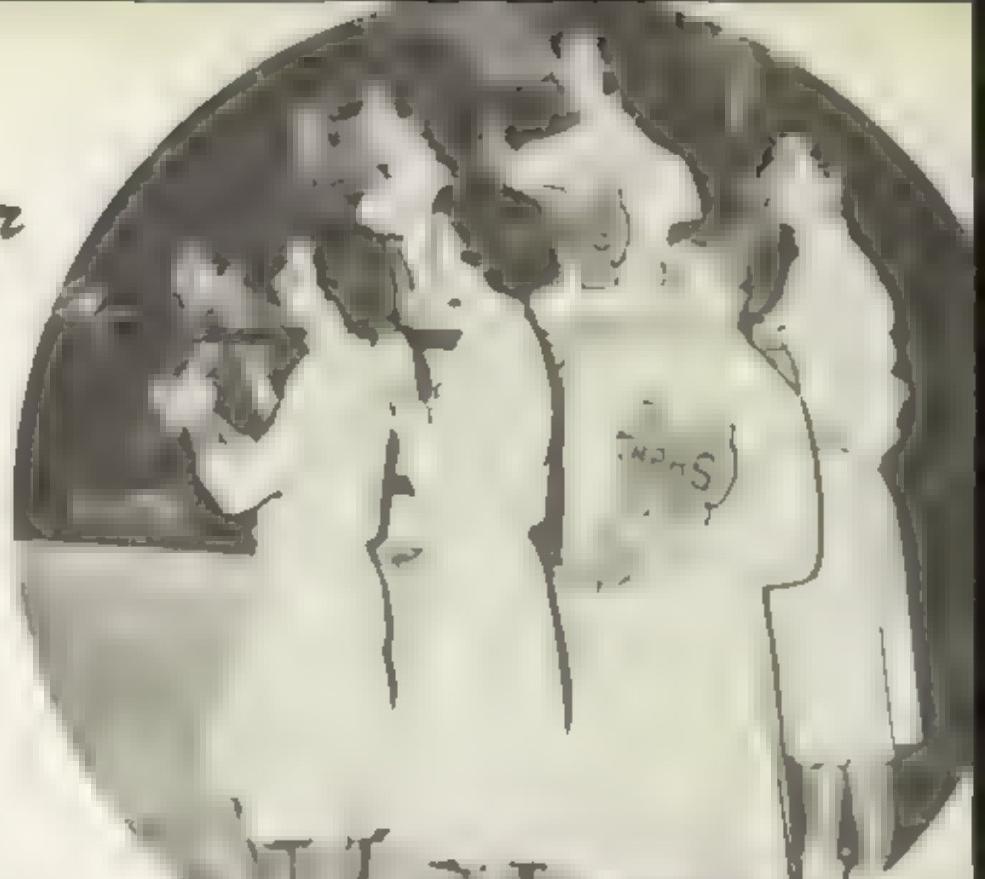
During the season two rounds of 76 by McAlester and Horton set new school records.

We Strive Hard Together

Adding pep to MPHS sports activities are the varsity cheerleaders and the Varsity Club.

Cheering their team on to victory although many times they doubted if the weather would permit, the cheerleaders went to every game of the season.

The six girls were Donna White and Connie Erler, seniors; Dee Ann Drallette, Liz Sweeney, and Sue Morrow, juniors, and Sharon Merrill, sophomore.



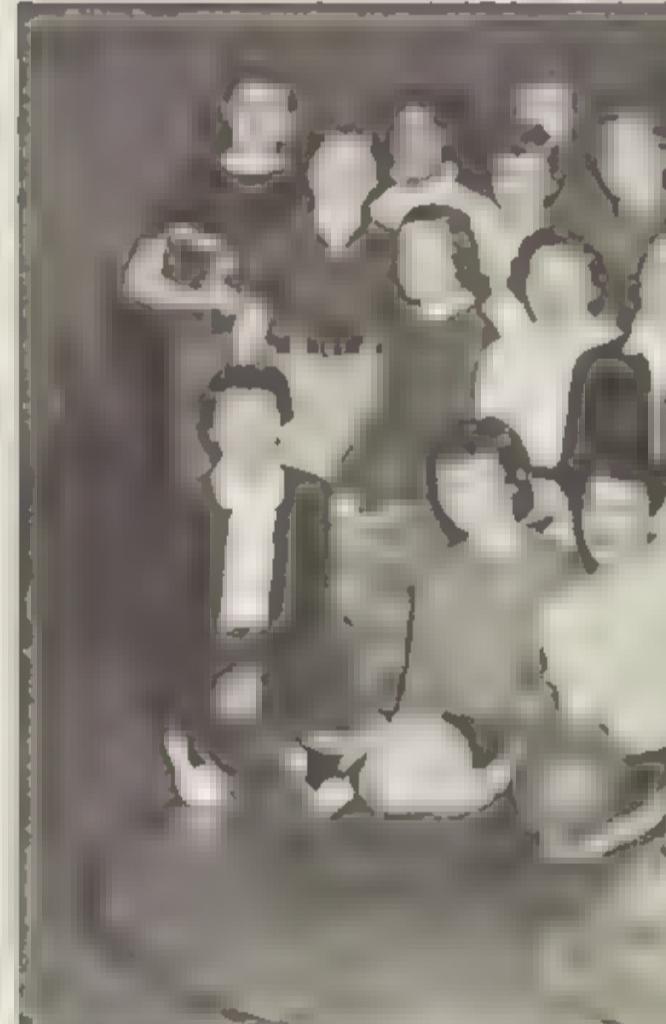
Senior letter winners leaving MPHS are, from left to right: Karen Elated, Paul Rodriguez, Dave Myers, Rob Utegraff, Mike Woods, Dave Randolph, Bill Finch, Harry Avis, Jerry Childs, Dick Wood, Paul Schade, Jerry Wiley, Don Lovejoy, Roger Frayre, Milton Marks.

Returning lettermen are, left to right: Bob Bugbee, Don Moose, Frank Marcus, Brian Bronson, Dan Cruz, Murray Schoen, Mike McClintic, Tony Heitz, Terry Hammond, Doug Everett, Skip Thorpe, Larry Anderson, Gene McAlester, and Athletic Director Bobb Wardrop.





G.A.A. Marks Up Fine Record In Sports

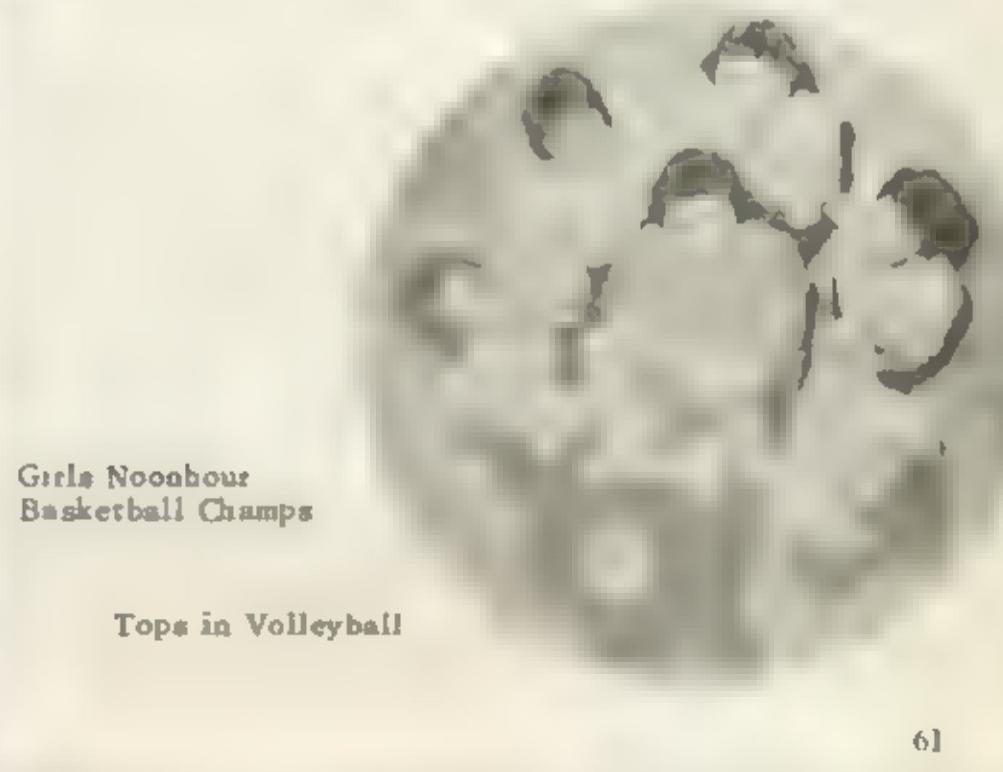


Basketball Champs



Bowling Winners

A very active club this year, the Girls' Athletic Association has had two intramural play days, one at Midland and one at the Central Michigan College Fieldhouse. The club has played basketball, speedball, volleyball, and softball, and they have bowled at the Chippewa Bowling Lanes. The club officers were: President, Markeith Moses, Vice President, Liz Sweeney, Treasurer, LaFern Lucas, and Secretary, Betty Elkins. The club adviser was Miss Vera Williams.



Baseball Team Wins Invitational Tournament

The Mt. Pleasant Oilers again this year showed diamond strength through the area with a 12-2 tally.

Coach Lorne Kerr's men dropped games only to Midland and Big Rapids.

Winners of their own invitational tournament, Mt. Pleasant knocked off West Branch and Gladwin to reach the finals and defeat Bay City St. Stan's.

Kerr lost Roger Frayre, Bud Foltz, Bill Finch, Butch Thorpe, Dave Hole, Wesley Welsh, and Harley Ayrus through graduation.



WILLIE EPPEL



JOE CASTILLO



WESLEY WELSH



DAVE HOLE

JIM DEMSKI

BILL FINCH

ROGER FRAYRE

ED ROBERTS





HARLEY AYRIS



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BUD FOLTZ



DICK FELT



MARK EPPLE



RAY KULLMAN



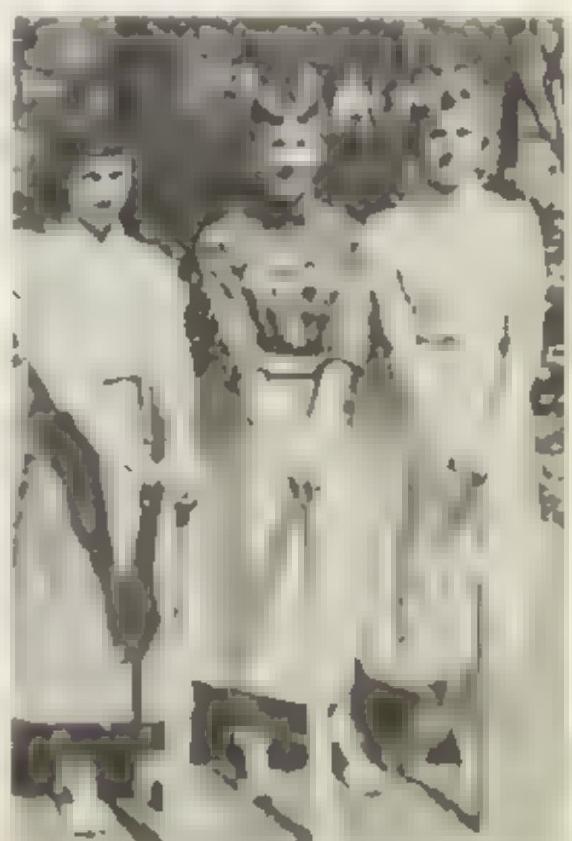
BOB JOHNSON, MGR.



COACH LORNIE KERR



Reigning over the Mt. Pleasant Invitational were Queen Donna White (center), Connie Erler (left), and Janet Grace.





BETTY GETCHELL AND DICK WOOD
Cherry Pie Baking Winners



SYLVIA WENDROW
D.A.R. Girl



GAY EDMONDS AND
MRS. FREDDIE SIMONDS
Homemaker of Tomorrow
Award

*They Won
The Honors
At MPHS*



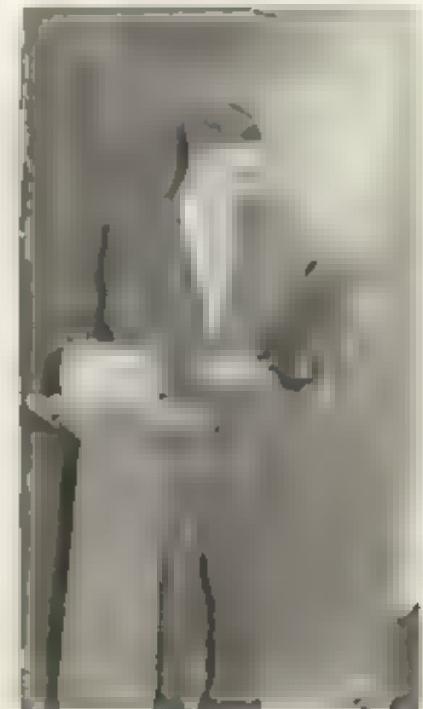
SYLVIA WENDROW AND
SANDRA HOWARD
Co-Valedictorian and Salutatorian



CONNIE MULLET
March of Dimes Girl



GARY MULLET
Co-Valedictorian



WILLIAM FITZGERALD
"I Speak for Democracy"
Winner



We Sing Our Club's Praises . . .

The Student Council, headed by President Sandra Howard, had a full year with selling over 500 activity tickets, their 13th annual homecoming, the assembly program, organizing bus trips to the games, "Up" and "Down" stairways, a plaque for boys who gave their lives in World War II, and other projects.

Lending a hand to President Sandy were Sylvia Wendrow, vice-president; Nancy Fleming, secretary; Connie Erler, treasurer, and advisers Mrs. May Lance and Mr. John Wiley. The biggest project of the year was the establishment of the Student Court.



Student Council Establishes a Student Court

The Student Court was the Student Council's most ambitious project in several years. The purpose of the court is to try cases in which students break school rules, to punish such students, and to enforce the rules.

Typical cases were fights in the halls or classrooms, misconduct in the cafeteria, and one case of a boy knocking a girl down.

The court has met with the students' approval.

Bill Finch was voted judge, assisted by Carol Brewster as assistant judge, Butch Thorpe as prosecuting attorney, and Jo Elliott as clerk.



On The Council

TOP:
Eighth grade representatives



MIDDLE:
Ninth and tenth councilites



BOTTOM:
Juniors and seniors on council





We Expressed Ourselves . . .

"Gramercy Ghost" was selected by the Dramatics Club to be presented to the public at the beginning of the year. The club then elected as their officers Sue Morrow, president; Judy Cox, vice president; Carolyn Osborn, secretary, and Pam Wakefield, treasurer.

To increase the treasury, the club had sales after school and sponsored mixers. At the weekly meetings the members saw demonstrations on how to apply make-up for various characters, the handling of stage equipment, and student directing.

In April the actors presented an all-school assembly consisting of two one-act plays. One called "Ladies of the Mop" was entered in the one-act festival at Central Michigan College in the spring.



... in Greasepaint

The Thespians, a dramatics honor society, initiated six new members into the club this year. To be in the club a person must have ten points which are obtained through the Dramatics Club work. Thespians work hand in hand with the club and help with their plays.



"No Room in the Inn" was the one-act play presented by the Y-Teens at the Christmas assembly just before vacation. In to the story of a woman and her daughter who had no place to spend Christmas Eve were woven carols and the Christmas spirit.

Mr. David Gover's five new debaters had a very unsuccessful year. With little experience, they met Tawas Area, Big Rapids, Ionia, and Gladwin. The team debated eight times and lost them all. They also participated in the State League.





We Filled the School With March Music And Paraded in Flashy New Uniforms

The MPHS band, sporting their beautiful new uniforms, played for numerous football games and finished it off in fine style with their homecoming parade and halftime show.

After the marching season the band began to prepare for the concert season. Some of the things this included were the district band festival and the winter concert. Rex Hewlett's students also played in the state band festival in the second division competing for the first time in class A. Next was the district solo and ensemble festival where, out of 21 entries MP HS bandmen received 11 first, and eight seconds. Of the 10 firsts who went on to state six received firsts and four got seconds.

Following festival time the band gave their Spring Revue and participated in the Holland Tulip Festival.



We Helped Run Our School . . .



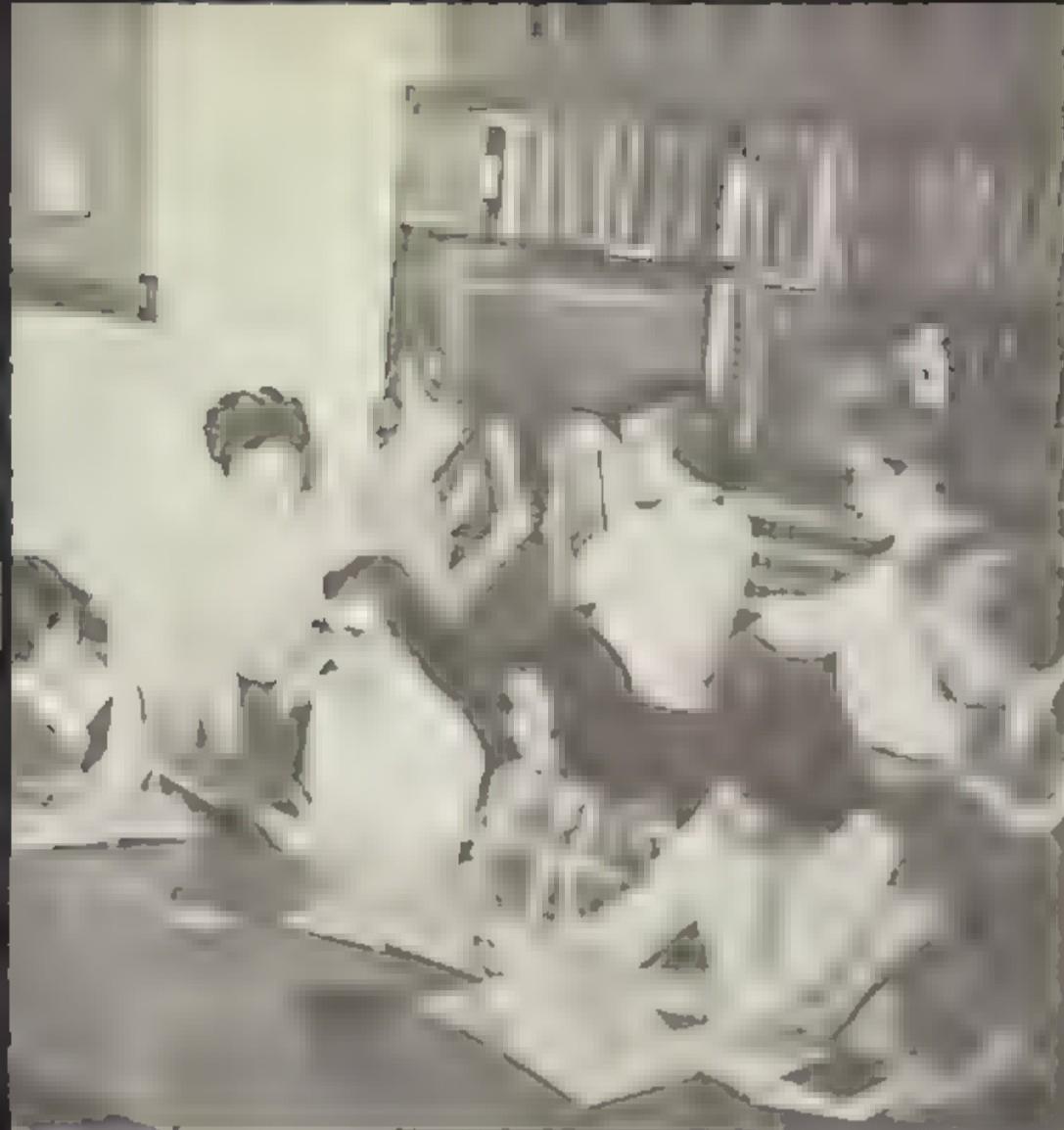
These boys instructed by Mr. Arnold Koch presented the essential facts to many classes through movies and also were in charge of the noon hour films, showing such outstanding movies as "Jim Thorpe, All-American."



The many duties which are necessary to keep the principal's office functioning, such as collecting absence slips, answering the telephone, recording grades, maintaining files, running errands and typing letters, are the jobs undertaken by these girls.



Besides attempting to keep the halls quiet the monitors provide information and act as guides for the many visitors at Mt. Pleasant High School.



... in an
Efficient Way

Have you received any notices for overdue books? This — plus checking books in and out, maintaining neat shelves and keeping the volumes in top shape — is the job of these Library Club members. They are under the direction of Miss Sadie Woodruff.



Mt. Pleasant High School students attending paid assemblies, plays, and the annual Pop's Concert were greeted by these members of the Ushers Club advised by Mrs. Mary Lou Evett.

The hot lunch line, a necessity in every school, serves the food, prepares dishes for washing and keeps the lunch room neat. The girls work with Mrs. Arnold Koch.



Journalists Record An Eventful Year

This year's journalism staff began their year's activities by preparing the 13th annual homecoming program for publication. Gathering advertisements, arranging pictures and writing copy under the pictures initiated the '54 journalists into their year's duties.

Next they undertook the year-long task of turning out the STUDE every two weeks. Special issues of this year's school paper featured a "Fieldhouse Edition", based upon the huge CMC athletic plant, and the "April Fool" issue.

The journalism staff traveled to the Michigan State College campus in the fall to attend a state-wide high school conference on school papers and yearbooks. The newly enlightened staff was caught posing around "Sparty", MSU's symbolic statue by a passing camera bug.

Perhaps the major project of this year's staff was to turn out the DERRICK. The yearbook staff worked with a new printer this year and injected many startling changes into the 1955 version of the DERRICK. Picture advertisements, modern art, complete coverage of spring sports, along with late senior activities and an August autographing party formed the new look in DERRICK memories.

Publications Adviser Tom Northway keeps an eye on our 3-ring circus

STUDE editor Bob Stinson tries his hand at the old linotype machine.

"We're in the money," shout STUDE business-advertising staffers Bud McFadden, Pat Strang, Nancy Mumford

Turning out copy like mad are the STUDE's Sports Editor Bill Fultz, July Andrews, on features, and Shirley Lewis, exchange editor.



Organizations Editor
Donna White and Sports
Editor Jim Woods talk
yearbook



DERRICK contributes many ideas and Shirley Ashworth looks for some new



Classes Editor Sande Sanback
here alphabetizes hundreds of
pictures

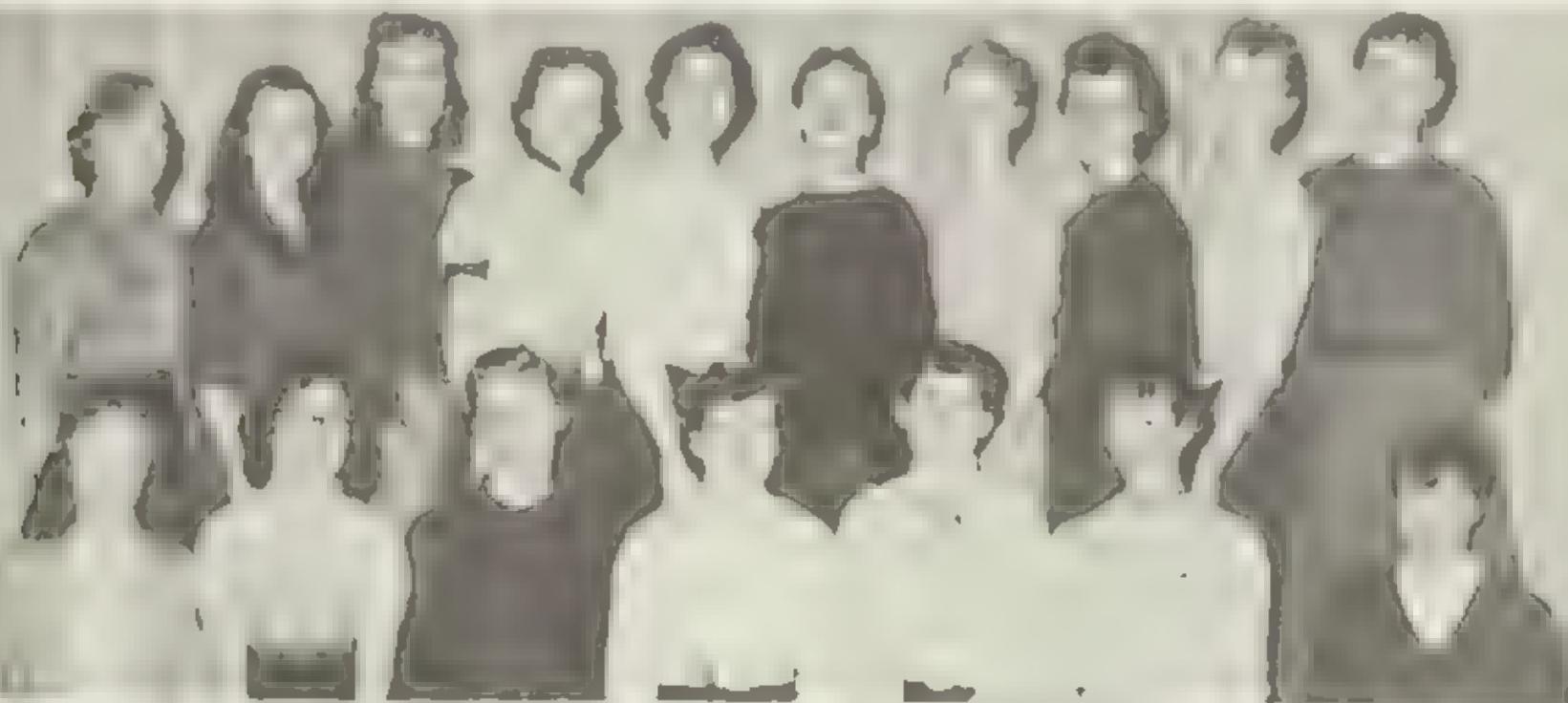


Four hundred forty students
and teachers signed up for '55
annuals with Shirley Lewis and
Business Manager Nancy Vadoais,
seated. At left, Advertising
Manager Butch Thorpe, calls off
the assignments.



Layouts occupy Art Editor Marilyn
Dargitz and copy writer Dee Ann Dallette
above.

Popular at Mt. Pleasant High School for 12 years (formerly Girl Reserves), the Y-Teens organization enjoyed a successful and prosperous year. President Judy Hill was chairman of the annual Prom, which had "March Melody" as its theme. Always a highlight of the social season, the dance was held at Keeler Union ballroom. Earlier in the year, the girls' mothers were guests at the formal initiation held October 20 and the informal initiation October 13. To show how varied are their activities, the girls pitched in to build a float that took first prize of \$10 in the 13th Annual Homecoming parade. Mrs. May Lance is a visiter for this largest of girls' groups at MPHS.



Absent from the high school for two years, the Hi-Y Club returned under President Butch Thorpe and all new members to continue its 43-year record of service and friendship. Rolling peanuts down the hall floors, wearing their clothes backward, and reading a "treat" of raw eggs, which turned out to be wet marshmallows, will always be remembered by the new club members who underwent a lively initiation. The group gave a Christmas basket and staged a very talented pep assembly featuring Miss Butterly and her girls dancing a can-can to the tune, "Papa Loves Mambo." Helping plan the next event, a talent show in April, were Bill Finch, vice president, Loren Edded, secretary, and Jim Woods, treasurer. Mr. Dudley Chamberlin was adviser.

Hi-Y initiation provides laughs for Terry Batchelder, Ron Archer, Don Moose, and Jim Gatten while Dave McGee and Tom Horton steer peanuts down the hallway.



Niceties of a formal initiation surround Y-Teens above.



Adviser Dudley Chamberlin was instrumental in bringing Hi-Y back to Mt. Pleasant High after a two-year absence.



Planning Y-Teen events are Sharon Bourland, secretary; Faye Lou Brasington, vice president; Judy Hall, president and Cecelia Watson, treasurer.

We Supplied the School With Friendship . . .



As Future Farmers and Homemakers . . .

It was hard to keep track of the many activities of the Future Homemakers of America this year. Their interests ranged from baking cakes for bake sales to enjoying parties with the Future Farmers of America. The girls also took part in a special FFA week set aside by Governor Williams.

The year's events began with a candlelight ceremony as the She-hart girls came here to install the Mt. Pleasant FFA officers.

Leaders of the club are President Laura Grass, Vice President Betty Sponseller, Secretary Mary Ruth Curtiss, and Treasurer Patsy Getchell.

Others are Historian Kive Haskin, Songleader Shirley Soister, Chapter Mother Mrs. Fredie Simonds, and Reporter Loretta Recker.

The FFA girls got well acquainted this year with Miss Ruth Meiss, a new teacher in our system and their adviser.

At Easter time well arranged baskets of candy were sent to the children at the detention home. "New horizons beckon" was the motto of the state conference at Grand Rapids which the club attended.

The second semester holds the memories of two roller skating parties, one with the FFA boys and one just for the girls.

By candle light new officers for the club were installed in May. Mothers of the girls attended as guests.

In the spring a new program was planned for next year.

The picnic with the FFA boys at Island Park topped but ended the fun for the year. Girls interested in joining FFA also attended the picnic.



We Look to the Future

Working hard but for a worthy cause this fall, the 50 Future Farmers of America finished the cable footbridge at the memorial school forest.

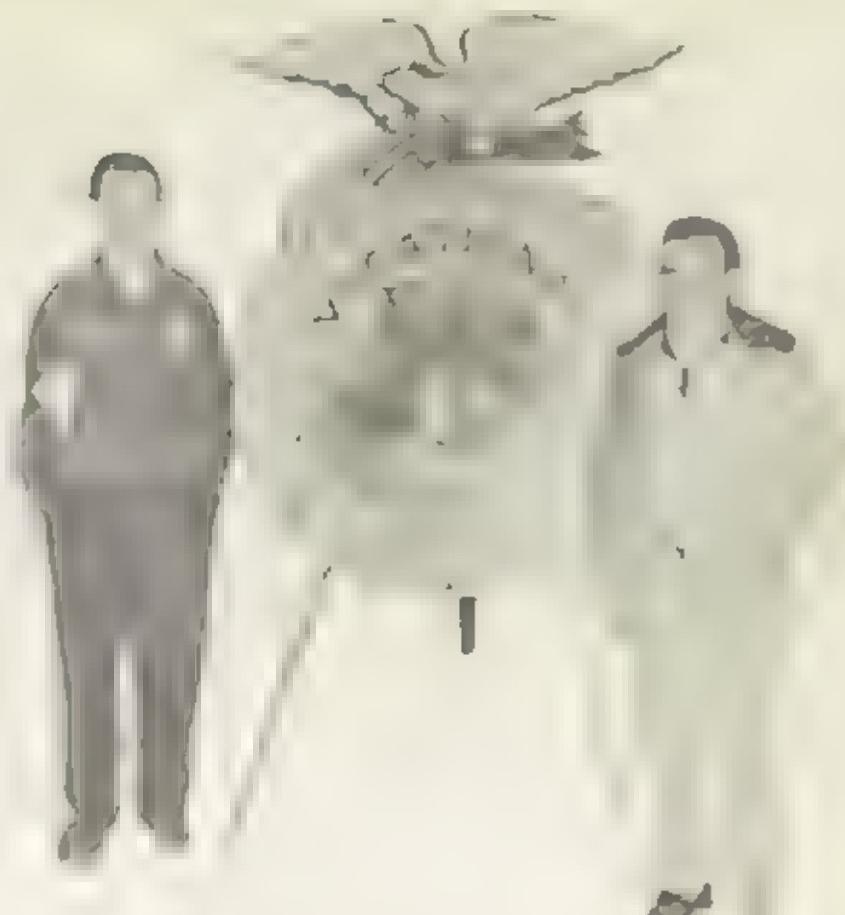
The FFA boys have gone on cattle buying tours and their livestock investments amount to approximately \$12,000.

Among their many activities, the Future Farmers took field trips to local farm machinery dealers.

Around Christmas time the boys cut Christmas trees from the school forest for elementary and high school use.

Officers of the club are Willie Epple, president; Tim Lynch, vice president; Frank Marcus, secretary, and Larry Anderson, treasurer.

During the first week in April Pat O'Brien, Frank Marcus, and Bob Johnston spent three days at the regional leadership training camp at Higgins Lake.



Variety of Future Farmers' activities is shown in these scenes at the school forest, farms, and Harris Milling.



We Filled the School With Songs . . .

Singing more difficult music than ever before, the Mt. Pleasant High School choir and chorus received excellent ratings their second year in Class A competition.



Three outstanding vocal groups on a smaller scale than the choir and chorus are the Senior High Girls' Trio, Junior High Girls' Trio, and Boys' Quartet. The singers appeared before the Women's Club, Hospital Auxiliary, country school P.T.A. meeting, and at the Hi-Y Talent Show, Christmas Concert, and State and District Festivals.

Fifty-four voices blended into the M.P.H.S. chorus by Mr. Floyd Heydenburg provided a variety of fine music for the "Pops" Concert, Christmas Concert and assemblies for the elementary schools, District Festival in St. Louis, and springtime assemblies for the grades. Parents were invited to a program and reception planned in the spring by the chorus members. The group is made up of eighth and ninth graders.



JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS' TRIO
Marilyn Martin
Elmer Gitter
Hope Conway





SENIOR HIGH
GIRLS' TRIO
Sally Grawe
Sue Morrow
Faye Lou Brasington



Director Floyd Heydenburg conducted the 71-voice choir in the annual "Pops" Concert in November, Thanksgiving assembly, Christmas Concert and Y-Teens assembly.

Then came the District Festival at St. Louis, Student Council-sponsored assembly in May, and the State Massed Chorus Festival at East Lansing on May 7.



Following tradition, the choir closed the year with their annual picnic and an inspiring performance at the Commencement exercises.

BOYS' QUARTET
Milan Johnson, Bass
George Miller, Baritone
David Torres, 1st Tenor
Bill Brigham, 2nd Tenor



These Clubs Joined With Many Others During The Year



When Key Club President Ted Foley wound up in the hospital, fellow officers showed up for this shot.

A newly-organized club this year, the Key Club was founded in the high school through the efforts of Mr. Arlie C. Osborn of the Kiwanis Club.

Sponsored by the Kiwanians, the organization has as its objective a better community and good school relations.

Officers for the first Key Club are Ted Foley, president; Dave Randolph, vice president; Ron Archer, secretary, and Phil Chipman, treasurer.



The darkroom magic of developing film, making enlargements, and printing pictures went into full swing after the cobwebs were brushed down last fall.

After being inactive for two years, the Camera Club made a comeback this year. Officers of the reinstated club are George Miller, president; Bill Fitzgerald, vice president; Terry Batchelder, secretary, and Milton Marks, treasurer. The faculty adviser is Mr. Arnold Koch.

The club members enjoyed talks on better photography at their weekly meetings.





We Learned by Doing

Working downtown while earning credit, forty members of the Co-op Club received training in retail, office, and trade roles.

Officers of the club are: President, Ed Grubb, Vice President, Judy Cox, Secretary, Gail Goodwin, and Treasurer, Janet Grace. Adviser is Mr. Lee Jones.

The Employee-Employer Banquet, an annual event at the Hotel Chieftain, was enjoyed late in the spring. Members of the club invited their employers as their special guests for the evening as radio station WCEN broadcast the activities.





These People Planned Our New School Buildings

A wave of enthusiasm and planning followed the successful bond issue vote. Board of Education members, administration, faculty, students - all Mt. Pleasant - eagerly awaited construction of advanced classrooms. Above are busy board members standing) L. Allan Morrow, trustee, L. W. Hartman, trustee, Malcolm McShea, treasurer, Russell Lebonier, superintendent of schools, (seated) J. E. net Whitam, president, Eugene Knight, vice president, Carl Wender, secretary, and Frances Martin, trustee. Below, plans become reality.



Signs of the times are excavations, being studied by MPHS girls in kilts, Bermuda shorts, and ducktail haircuts as bulldozers work at Pullen, Fancher.





Confucius Was a Teacher, Too



Russell LeCronier
Supt. of Schools

Carlo Barberi
High School Principal

John Wiley
Assistant Principal
Dean of Boys, Math

Rupert Bell
Social Studies

Dudley Chamberlin
Mathematics



Mary Louise Evett
English



William Figg
Physical Education



Gertrude Forsman
Commerce



Fred C. Goodell
Biology



David A. Cover
Social Studies



Edith Hansen
Homemaking



Rex Hewlett
Band



Floyd Heydenburg
Music



Starting the year off right, the Mt. Pleasant teachers enjoyed a teachers picnic at Island Park.

Familiar yellow school buses heading across the countryside on October 22 carted Isabella-Clare county teachers to the teachers conservation field trip. Activities of the day were centered around a visit to the Carter Ranch and the Rosebush Oil field. At noon they enjoyed a picnic at the roadside park north of Clare, and they also witnessed a fish shocking demonstration conducted by an instructor of conservation officers.

Mr. Russell LeCronier was honored last fall in the high school auditorium when he was the subject for a special version of "This Is Your Life".

Officers of the Teachers Club are President Tom Northway, Vice President Ruth Allison, Secretary Mable Brasington, and Treasurer Geraldine Goodell.

Orientially garbed and filled to the brim with chop suey were the Mt. Pleasant teachers after the Chinese Dinner at Kinney School in February. For their next party, they rehearsed melodramas and novelty numbers for a talent show in Ganiard gym. The year ended with the annual spring picnic.



Richard Hickman
Agriculture, Biology



Leland N. Jones
Vocational Co-ordinator



Irving Kidd
Art



Arnold P. Koch
Genl. Science,
Audio-visual



Ethel Lamore
Foreign Language



May F. Lance
counseling, English



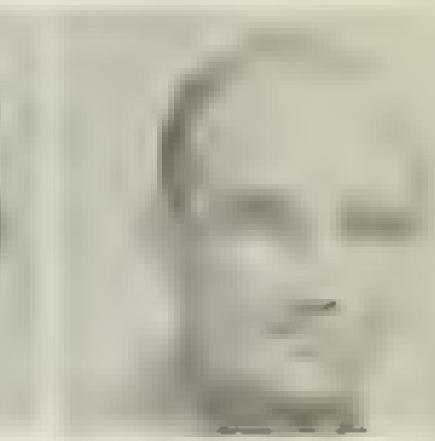
Eleanor McCracken
Commerce



D. Reed McGee
Vocational Education
Director



Ruby Meis
Homemaking



Calvin W. Miller
Mathematics



"Down on the farm" are Clare-Isabella teachers above as they learn all about the Carter ranch on their early fall conservation field trip.



Thomas Northway
English, Journalism



Hebert Nelson
Industrial Arts



Josephine Montague
Mathematics



Lindsey G. Morris
History, Government

Gerrit Muyskens
Science



Marjorie Olson
English

Lester E. Orcutt
Industrial Arts

Ray Rosevear
English

L. J. Ross
Commerce

Freddie Simonds
Homemaking



Constance M. Stegenga
English

R. F. Wartrop
Athletic Director
Mathematics

Vera Williams
Physical Education

Forrest Williams
Social Studies

Sadie Woodruff
Librarian



"Down to earth" is the word for MPHS teachers as they fill up on chop suey at the Chinese Dinner, above, and relax alongside a meandering brook in the Clare roadside park on their field trip.



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Machine Shop



John S. Yuncker
Chief Engineer



Ethel Taylor
Custodian

Tom Quinlan
Custodian

Lee Anspach
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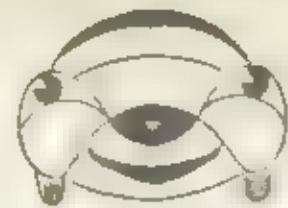
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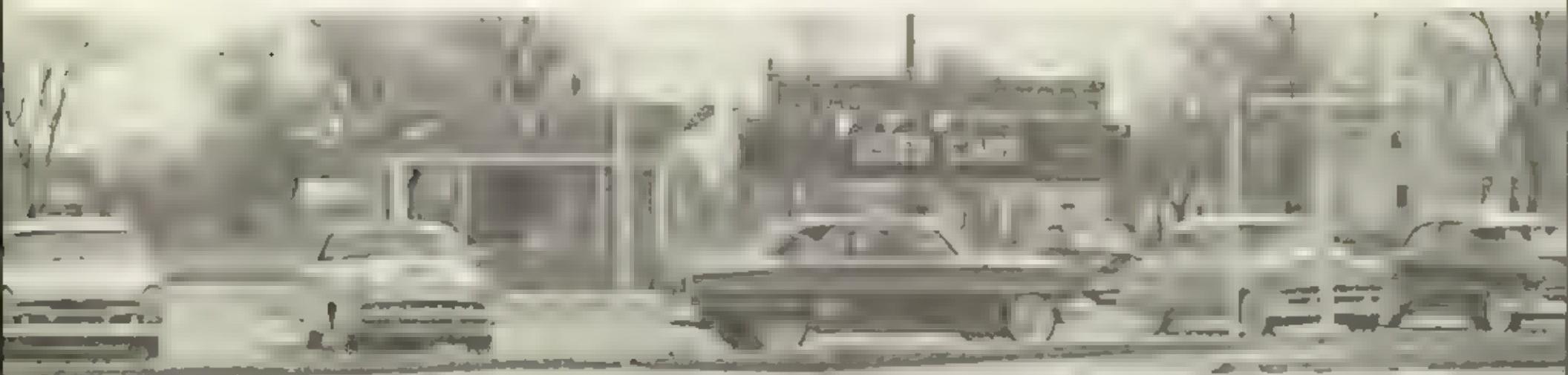


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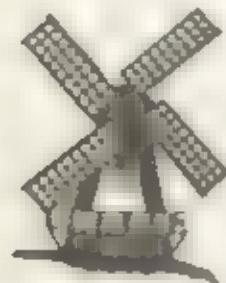
Men's Department



Isabella County State Bank

Mount Pleasant, Michigan

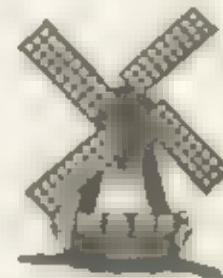
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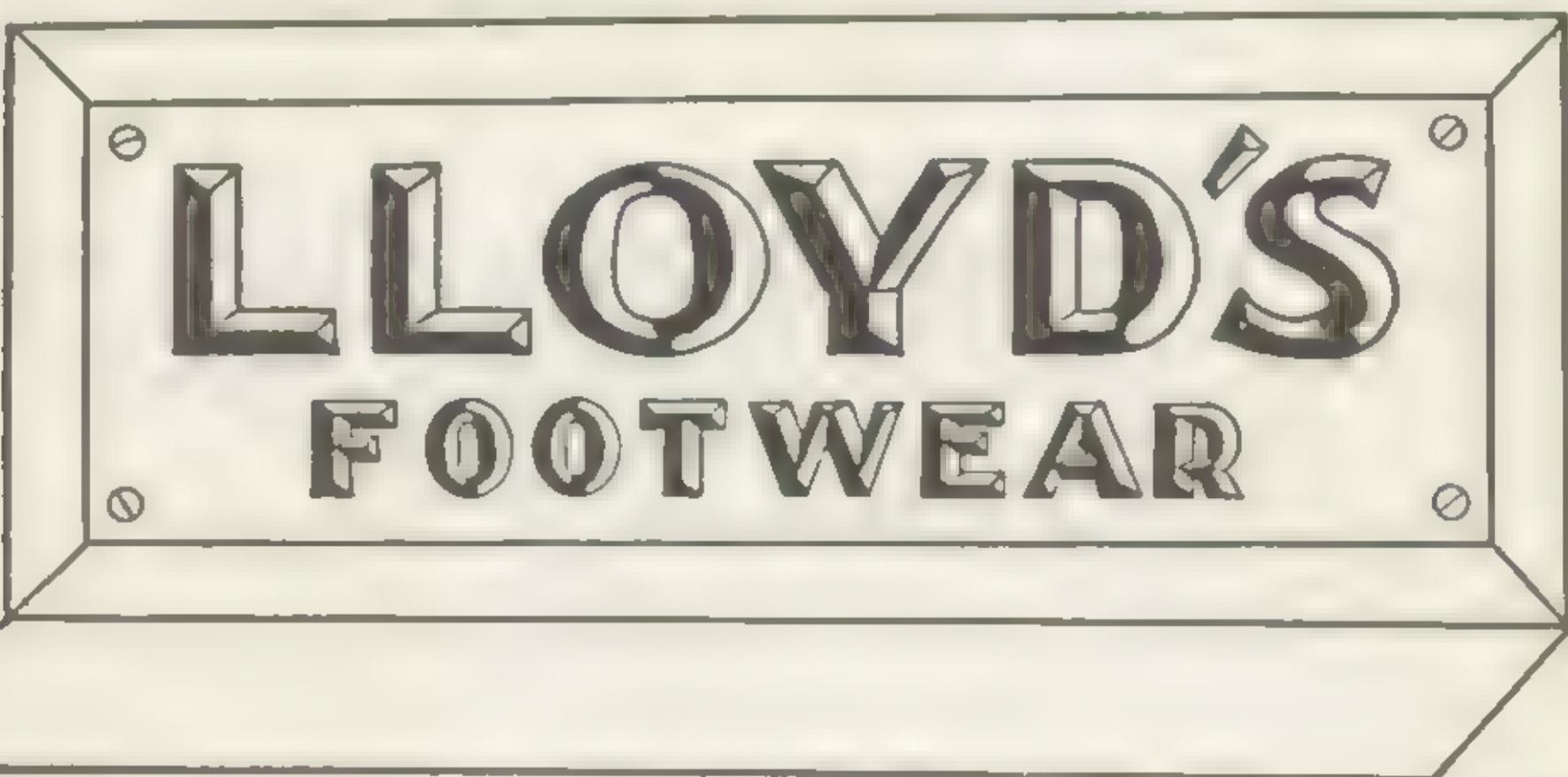
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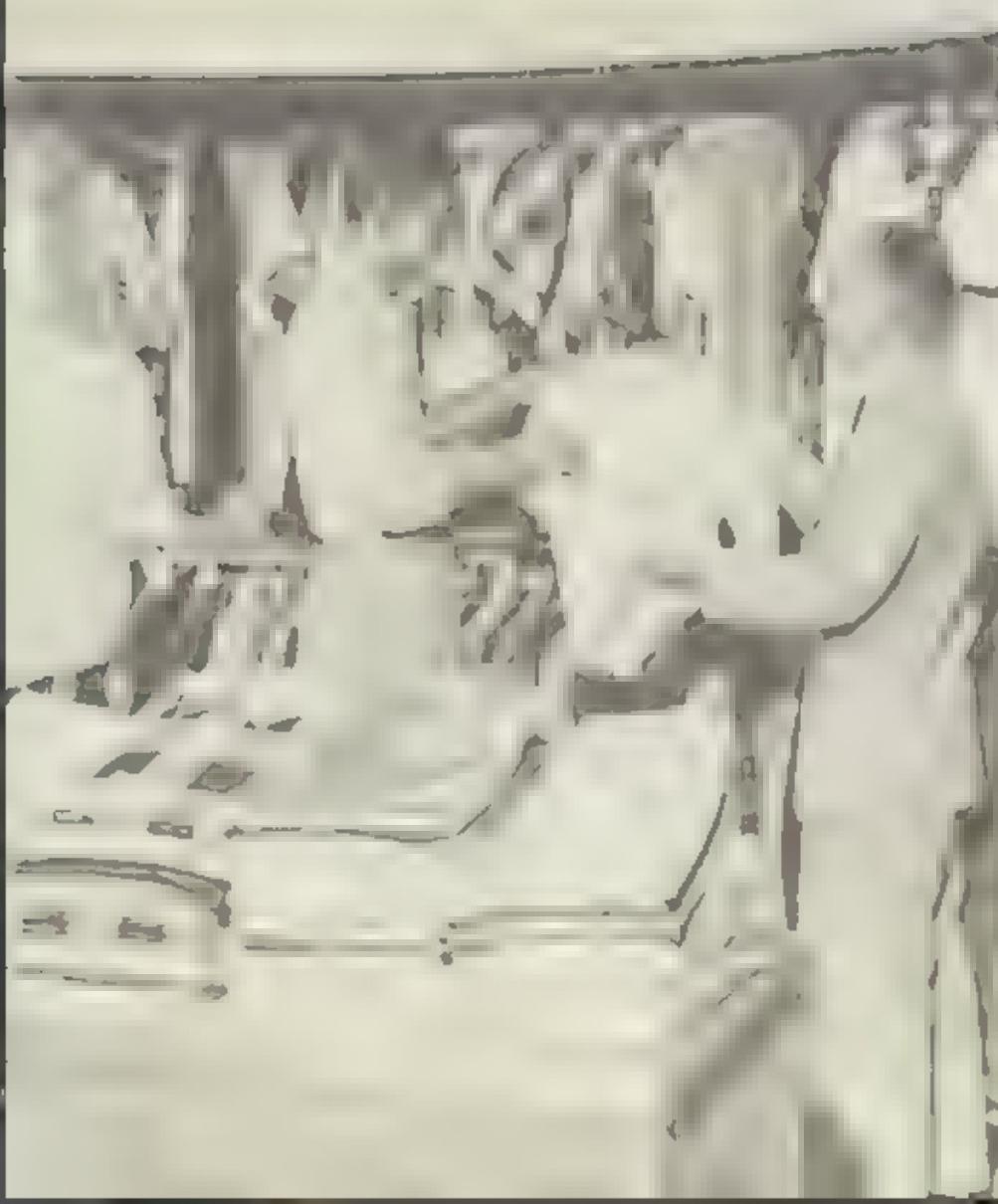


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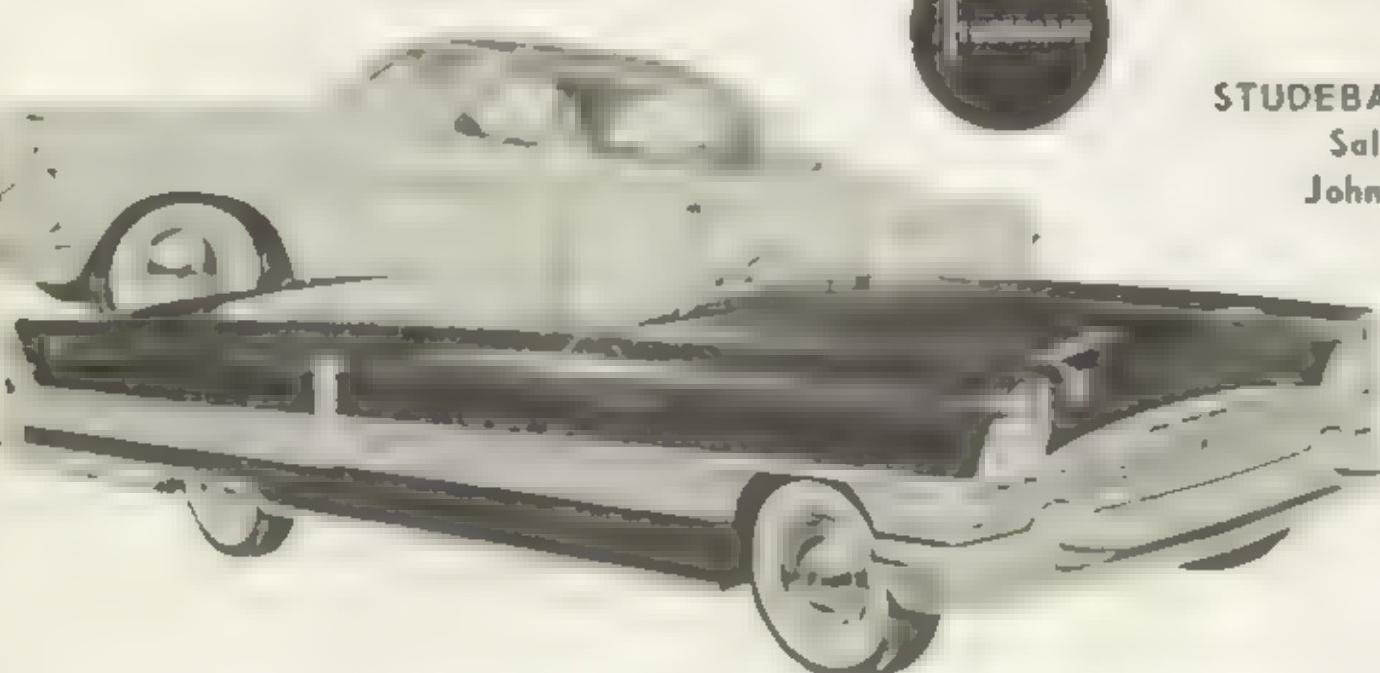
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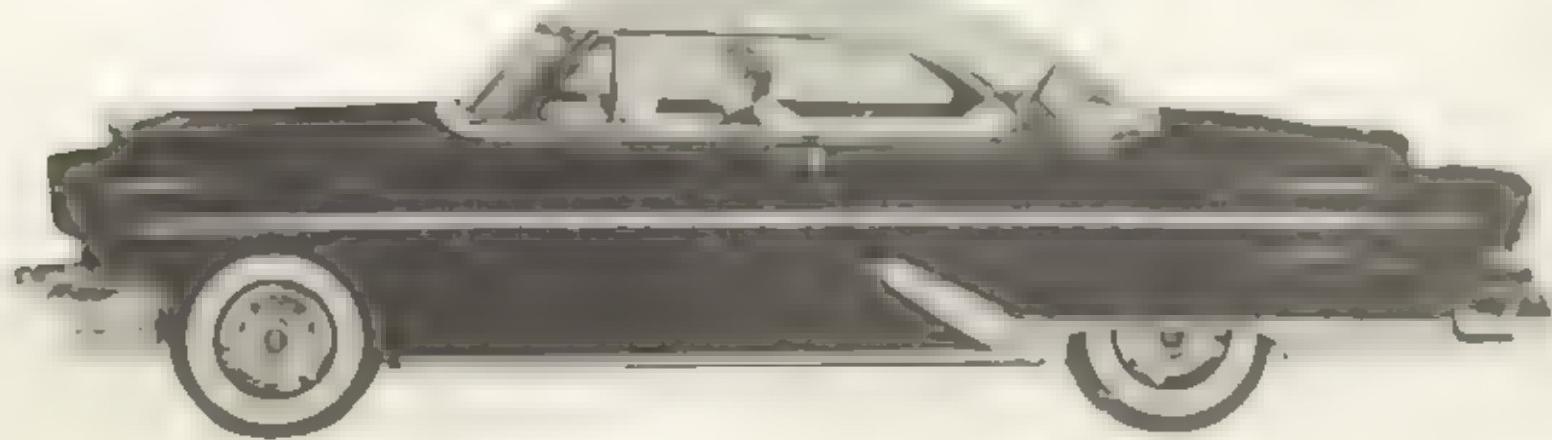


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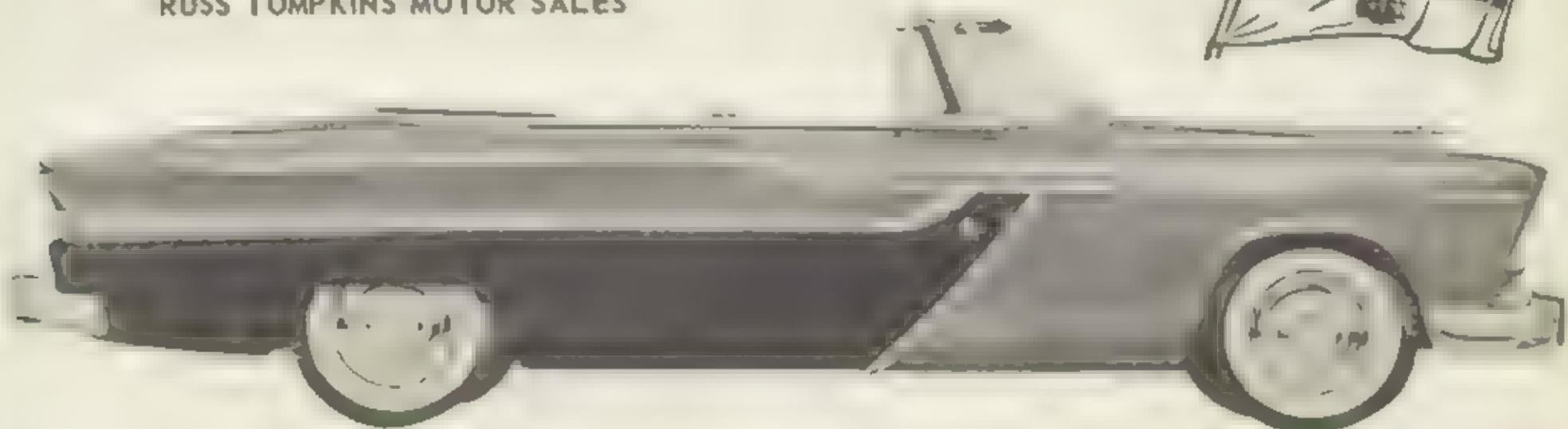
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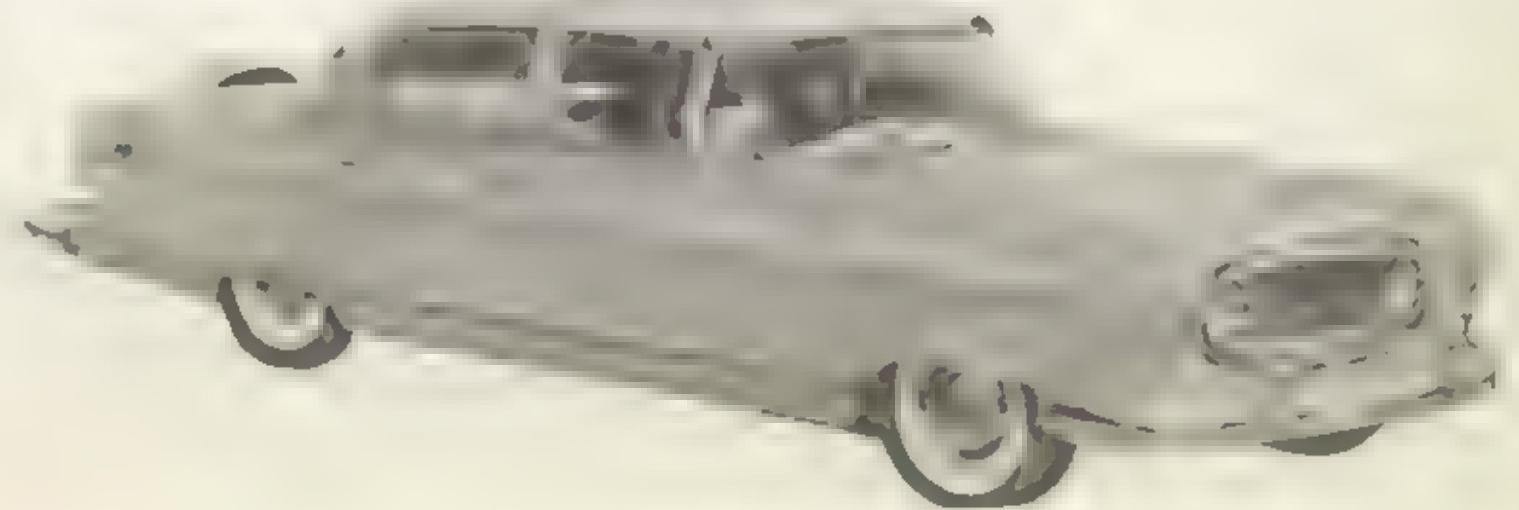
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